Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Circulates Wherever Coke is Manufactured or Used.

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Prices and Prospects.

THE COKE MARKET SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.

Operators Are Little Stiffer in Their Views on Prices.

CONSUMERS ACCUMULATE STOCK

To Last Them Over the Holidays, Extra Requirement Generally Being Two or Three Days Ordinary Consumption—The Prices Quoted

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—While the coke market has not shown any additional contracting for the new year the whole tone of the market is firmer by reason of the reports of improvement in the iron and steel trade. A curious feature of this improvement, however, is that it lies only in the finished steel trade so far as regards prices since steel prices have advanced in the case of a majority of products, while in pig iron there have been no advances at all. There has been a round tonnage of merchant iron booked both east and west but not sufficiently apparently to put up prices. Coke operators are a little stiffer in their views than they were a fortnight ago, but furnacemen do not appear ready to pay any higher prices than formerly.

Consumers having furnace coke contracts have been asking for additional supplies in the past fortnight so as to have an accumulation over the holidays, the extra requirements generally amounting to two or three days ordinary consumption. Shipments are being limited by operators as far as possible, since they do not wish to ship surplus tonnages this month only to have suspensions for two or three days ordered in January.

Purchases of spot furnace coke have been about as large as in previous weeks, running up to over 100 cars in the past week partly at $1.60 and partly at $1.65, these prices representing the range of the market but within the past twenty-four hours the price has been firmly fixed at the higher rate. Brokers are trying to buy from each other at this figure thus establishing the fact that the supply of spot coke is practically exhausted, a fact plainly indicated in the columns of The Weekly Courier for the past couple of weeks. The furnacemen who have put off making their 1912 contracts in the expectation of buying cheaper spot coke than contract coke have in the final analysis gotten pinched. Every dog has his day, some old day.

The general range of prices is unchanged and we repeat last week's quotations noting that spot furnace coke has been showing an upward trend:

Prompt furnace	$1.65@$1.70
Furnace first half	$1.70@$1.75
Furnace year 1912	$1.65@$1.75
Prompt foundry	1.80@$1.90
Contract foundry	$2.00@$2.25

A sale of 2,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron has just been made at $14.25 Valley for shipment over the first quarter. This is the largest transaction in the market since the recent sale of 25,000 tons by the Mary Furnace to the Republic Iron & Steel Company and serves further to establish Bessemer pig iron at the $14.25 level. Basic iron has been rather quiet, enquiries generally being limited to small lots like 1,000 tons. The Pittsburg Steel Company, however, has been sounding the market and as its requirements average about 12,000 tons a month there may be considerable activity shortly. It is reported that its present contract expires with the year so that it should be a regular buyer of basic iron unless it makes another long term contract. The furnaces are uniformly quoting a minimum of $12.50 Valley on basic iron. Foundry iron is quieter after the recent movement and remains quotable at $13 Valley. It is reported today that the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company has bought 25,000 tons of Bessemer pig from the Ohio Iron & Steel Company at the prevailing rate of $14.25 Valley.

A TEN CENT ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF COKE.

Sale Closed in Pittsburg Yesterday Afternoon for Prompt Furnace [illegible] Ton

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—A sale of Connellsville furnace coke was made this afternoon which points the way to increased coke prices. A jump of ten cents a ton was made in the highest price that had been quoted up to this afternoon for prompt furnace. About fifteen cars of prompt furnace were sold at $1.75 a ton.

The market had been scoured for a prompt shipment of that size at the quoted rate $1.65. When it couldn't be secured an advance of ten cents a ton was offered and the sale was closed.

The jump in price today will in all likelihood lead to a general advance of ten cents a ton in prompt coke. The yards in the Connellsville region have been practically scraped bare of stock.

Jamison Certificates For Sale.

The Jamison Coal & Coke Company has placed with Philadelphia bankers for sale, at par and interest, five per cent coupon car trust certificates to the amount of $400,000.

IRON AND STEEL.

Widespread Desire Among the Buyers to Increase Their Stocks.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will say:

The strongly advancing tendency in finished steel is shown by the fact that a sufficient number of advances have occurred in various products to raise our composite finished steel by $1 a ton from the recent low point. The advances have been in sheets, bars, plates, shapes and wire products, while pipe and tin plates have not changed and are not likely to advance in the near future unless a tin plate advance is forced by higher tin prices, the present price being based on 40 cent pig tin, while 47 cents has already been reached.

The steel producers are uniformly placing on their mill books a larger tonnage than they are shipping and some interests have been making surprising gains this month. Contract business has also been good and a point is being reached which encourages the mills to move slowly in booking contracts for periods beyond April 1st.

As is usual in recoveries of this sort little is heard of the sources or causes of the improvement. The mills are busy booking the tonnages. There does not appear to be any great change in fundamental conditions but there is a widespread desire on the part of buyers to get under cover as to contracts and to increase their stocks to a point nearer an ordinary working level. It has been well understood that in recent months jobbers and manufacturing consumers were depending upon almost immediate shipment by mills to make up for the lack of stocks.

Production is showing no material increase this month but plans are already approved for important increases next month which will probably bring the steel industry to operating between 80 and 85 per cent of its capacity against about 75% in the last two or three months.

Pig iron is quieter in the central west but has sold more freely in the east where prices have softened a trifle more. The Bethlehem Steel Company's undertaking to sell about 200,000 tons of merchant iron for a twelve months delivery has made a serious impress in the eastern market.

THE COKE MEN'S HEARING HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED

Will Not Come Before Interstate Commerce Commission Until Some Time in January or February

The party of independent coke operators of the Connellsville region who have been in Washington since the first of the week expecting to be called in the freight rate case of the Independent Coke Producers Association against various railroads carrying coke pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission returned home yesterday morning.

In the party were O. W. Kennedy, Secretary F. H. Rowe of the Coke Producers Association, L. W. Fogg, John F. Brennen, Harry Whyel, J. W. Seamans, Charles F. Lenhart, W. L. Byers and John W. Boileau of Pittsburg.

The commission yesterday continued the hearing into the complaint of the Wisconsin Steel Company of South Chicago against the Pennsylvania railroad and other carriers. The complaining company alleges that rates on coke from the Connellsville field to their works in South Chicago are too high and they ask for a reduction. Tariff sheets of the various carriers were discussed by both sides to the case. The hearing will continue today.

The railroads will be heard on December 27 in the case of the Pittsburg vein operators who complain against an 88-cent rate from the Pittsburg field to Lake Erie ports. The operators presented their side of the case in November last and the carriers were given 30 days in which to prepare their answer.

Big Order From Calgary.

CALGARY, Alt., Dec. 20.—The largest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world has been let by a local firm, which has ordered from the United States Steel Corporation 100 miles of pipe at a cost of about $1,000,000 to carry natural gas from Bow Island to Calgary. Shipment which will require 2,500 cars will begin January 1, 1912 and will be completed within six months.

Mercer Works to Continue.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement was made this week that the Mercer works of the American Sheet & Tinplate Company at South Sharon will be started about January 1. The mill has been idle two years. When running full the plant employes 500 hands. An appropriation has been made for extensive improvements at the plant.

Ready to Ship.

The Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company is nearly ready to commence shipments from new openings on the south fork of the Tug river near Switchback, W. Va. Grading has been completed on the spur which will afford an outlet for the operations and rails will be laid at once.

By-Product Coke Business.

By-product coking is attracting the attention of American engineers. Alfred Lude Colby, consulting engineer, 165 Broadway, New York, has just returned home after a three months study of the latest developments in German by-product coking.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING DEC 16, 1911				WEEK ENDING DEC 9 1911			
District	Ovens	In.	Out.	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	23,208	14,892	8,316	175,196	23,208	14,865	8,343	176,202
Lower Connellsville	15,696	11,187	4,509	143,038	15,696	11,149	4,547	142,928
Totals	38,904	26,079	12,825	318,234	38,904	26,014	12,890	319,130
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	18,565	11,929	6,636	136,071	18,565	11,902	6,663	137,077
Lower Connellsville	4,615	3,262	1,353	38,681	4,615	3,262	1,353	38,681
Totals	23,180	15,191	7,989	174,752	23,180	15,164	8,016	175,758
Merchant Ovens								
Connellsville	4,643	2,963	1,680	39,125	4,643	2,963	1,680	39,125
Lower Connellsville	11,081	7,925	3,156	104,357	11,081	7,887	3,194	104,247
Totals	15,724	10,888	4,836	143,482	15,724	10,850	4,874	143,372

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING DEC 16, 1911	WEEK ENDING DEC 9 1911
To Pittsburg	3,380 Cars	3,490 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	4,9[illegible]1 Cars	4,937 Cars
To Points East of the Region.	937 Cars	1,092 Cars
Totals	9,254 Cars	9,519 Cars.

Geo. W. Perkins' Constructive Suggestion for Big Business.

In a recent address at Youngstown, O., George W. Perkins, a former partner of J. P. Morgan and one of the ablest financiers in the country, said:

"Dissolution is not a solution. [illegible] making this perfectly plain to everyone.

"Our National Congress is in session and from all over the country the call is going up to the men of that body to stop playing politics and to adopt a constructive policy [illegible] and put it through.

"Every day we hear it said that we cannot hope to have our business problems seriously taken up by Congress with the determination to straighten them out until after the next Presidential election. [illegible] next Presidential election question [illegible] vitally affecting the very life of the nation. Must the prosperity of the country, the material welfare of our people be held back for at least twelve months for the pretext and advantage of politicians? Are the people of the United States going to stand for any such programme as this? Have we been working since 1776 to build up a country of politics for politicians?

"This is not a plea for the millions of the millionaires. IT IS A PLEA TO PROTECT THE DINNER PAILS AND COAL BINS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE during the very winter upon which we are now entering.

"The business man in America has been roundly abused for working for personal gain and aggrandizement. In the political [illegible] of individuals and parties in recent years have we not ample evidence that THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN OUR POLITICAL WORLD? If it is high time to clean house in business it is equally high time to clean house in politics and to deliberately map out a programme whereby this country must stand still or drift backward commercially for twelve months simply that some political party may gain an advantage is nothing short of TREASON TO OUR PEOPLE.

"It is within the memory of men now of middle age that riots and bloodshed followed the introduction of steam and electrical machinery that curtailed the use of hand labor because workingmen had an [illegible] demonstration of the fact that these machines could do with one or two men the work that had previously been done by five or ten men. Therefore they did not guess or think they knew that these machines were going to throw men out of work. How could it be otherwise? Therefore these machines were a menace to the workmen. They were afraid of their power and far reaching harmful influence; they were the invention of the evil one himself and the only thing to do was to destroy them, else they would work great harm to the workmen and bring great benefit to the capitalist.

"What happened? At first fear and prejudice got the upper hand. Some of these machines were destroyed, but these machines stood for progress and ultimately it was seen that in place of their being a menace to the workingman they were a blessing; they gave him shorter hours, better pay, less drudgery in his work, with more work for more men under more favorable conditions, and now, almost without exception, the laboring man is as much interested in the introduction of a new labor saving machine as is the capitalist. Reason and foresight have overcome prejudice and fear. This will always be so, for fear is founded on emotion while reason is based on fact.

"That fight has been won; that situation has been cleared up, and now at this moment we are passing through almost a parallel experience with our corporations, for after all THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN GREAT MACHINES INVENTED FOR DOING BUSINESS MORE ECONOMICALLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. They have created fear and apprehension among the people just as the other machines did, but in place of being destroyed by the workingmen these corporate machines are actually being torn asunder by the Federal Government itself. But reason and fair dealing will come [illegible] prejudice and fear [illegible] which has so strongly [illegible] corporation will come to be regarded not as a bane but as a blessing. As [illegible] electrical machines [illegible] stood for progress in manufacture so [illegible] stands for progress [illegible] method [illegible] has followed the [illegible] result and necessarily. It is no more possible to stop progress by law then than it is to make men all alike by law. The wreck [illegible] has been working [illegible] to put the constructive [illegible]

"The last [illegible] months [illegible] have made it possible [illegible] these things a little more distinctly [illegible] has lifted slightly [illegible] at least these things are now being [illegible]

"1. That dissolution is not a solution because we are after substance, not form.

"2. That the United States of America in its quest for commerce in the Twentieth Century must have large business concerns.

"3. That the people are not afraid of the size of these concerns but are afraid of the methods and practices pursued in the past and determined that these methods and practices shall not be pursued in the future.

"[illegible] solution it may [illegible] conclusion this [illegible] practical [illegible] that the [illegible] must speedily be [illegible] making it plain that [illegible] some [illegible] for [illegible] protection. [illegible] must have large business [illegible] with the large affairs of the [illegible] we can have large business organizations with justice to [illegible] and [illegible] capital to labor [illegible] the consumer.

"[illegible] the deepest feeling [illegible] business [illegible] past and [illegible] other things to the expenditure of [illegible] for the enrichment of [illegible] The discussion of the last few months [illegible] of the practices that must stop are the following:

"1. Over capitalization and stock watering of corporations.

"2. The unbridled control by a few men of huge aggregations of capital in business.

"3. Secret, unscrupulous blind-pool methods.

"4. Unfair distribution of profits between capital, labor and consumer.

"[illegible] ambitious. While [illegible] practices [illegible] must stop [illegible] not for a minute [illegible] stop the growth of American corporate development either at home or abroad and they look to the National Congress and to the [illegible] business [illegible] of this country to [illegible] in finding a way to solve these problems so that the evils of the past can be eliminated and the benefits of doing business on [illegible] scale can be maintained.

"At least two things must be done. Business must give up its improper [illegible] practices and the [illegible] must adjust itself to modern economic conditions.

"Nearly everything in the country has been revised during the past twenty [illegible] to meet changing conditions except the Sherman law. It [illegible] must take its turn and be revised, not downward but upward to a higher order of [illegible] in justice. The present conditions must not only be mended [illegible] must be ended.

"I personally believe the following to be a constructive suggestion that we [illegible] the basic idea of the Sherman law that we strengthen [illegible] materially by making clear [illegible] and [illegible] personal [illegible] by making the punishment fit the crime by making clear that men who violate statutes [illegible] plain [illegible] be FINED, BUT IMPRISONED, [illegible] inasmuch as we [illegible] people now [illegible] to [illegible] fact that we must have large business concerns, and in view of the fact that [illegible] which [illegible] must [illegible] business [illegible] THE SHERMAN LAW WAS [illegible] IN ITS [illegible] NOT IN A SPIRIT [illegible] OF EXPANSION, IT IS PROHIBITIVE, NOT PERMISSIVE, NOR REGULATIVE [illegible] STRICTION [illegible] THAN CONSTRUCTION.

"When [illegible] the Sherman [illegible] both [illegible] in general [illegible] startling [illegible] futility [illegible] that within [illegible] the last [illegible] powers [illegible]

"Under our present system there is nothing to prevent this. [illegible]

"[illegible] BUT THE [illegible] STOCK WILL KNOW [illegible] IS ISSUED [illegible] business is [illegible] HORSE IS STOLEN.

"Mr. Perkins thinks the [illegible] Commerce [illegible] should be placed in charge of all interstate and [illegible]

Production and Output.

[illegible] Industrial Corporations [illegible] should [illegible] this department [illegible] coal business. [illegible] should be [illegible] to satisfy this [illegible] their expenditure [illegible] this [illegible] the [illegible] business [illegible] manufacturing [illegible] of labor and [illegible] In [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] This department [illegible] at frequent intervals [illegible] findings regarding the [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] report.

A RETRIAL REFUSED

Judge Holt's Opinion in Fight for Somerset County Coal Tract

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 20.—[illegible] for a new trial has been refused. Attorneys [illegible] Berkey and [illegible] for a new [illegible] which was brought by H. B. McCormick and Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, Trustees of the estate of [illegible] Henry McCormick. The [illegible] case [illegible] Zacharias [illegible] tried last year before Judge W. Rush Gillan [illegible] Judge Holt and the [illegible] for the plaintiffs. [illegible] to a higher court.

[illegible] Quemahoning [illegible] Somerset county. The defendants [illegible] of unseated lands for taxes [illegible] Detent [illegible] seven years [illegible] which [illegible] interesting from Somerset county.

[illegible] the action is the following: [illegible] in May 1888 the [illegible] Land [illegible] Company purchased [illegible] Quemahoning township [illegible] McKeesport [illegible] November 13 [illegible] John Hol[illegible] [illegible] to John Holt [illegible] Jr [illegible] 1894 [illegible] the same to the [illegible] Herr [illegible]

[illegible] of all this [illegible] established by the plaintiffs [illegible] commissioners in 1874 when John P. [illegible] acres of [illegible] replaced on the unseated [illegible] The same [illegible] sold to Bo[illegible] and Bet[illegible] Trexler [illegible] claimed [illegible] Mr. Trexler [illegible] there was [illegible]

CONFERENCE OF STATES

On Coal Freight Rates Held Last Week at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. [illegible] [illegible] coal [illegible] for the purpose of adjusting [illegible] Ohio [illegible] the States [illegible] Attorneys General of the States [illegible] West Virginia [illegible] Pennsylvania [illegible] Appropriations [illegible]

[illegible] the last session of the [illegible] investigation.

West Virginia Coal in Demand.

[illegible] the product of the mines in West Virginia has been so [illegible] in the past few months that [illegible] railroads [illegible] coal [illegible] the output [illegible] business conditions [illegible] very bright.

Compensation Law Closes Mine.

[illegible] the leading coal operators in this district 20 per cent [illegible] Kansas will be [illegible] first of January [illegible] workmen's compensation [illegible] effect on that day.

CLEARING YARDS OF ALL STOCK COKE.

The Outlook for Further Advances This Winter is Promising.

SOMETHING ALONG MERGER LINE

May Develop in the Coke Industry With or the Aid or Consent of Political Interests Before Long Running Order

The Connellsville coke trade [illegible] volume. This is [illegible] the fact that there has been a general cleaning up of [illegible] the yards. If [illegible] practice this business habit they would [illegible] product. The present [illegible] better business [illegible] already [illegible] price of [illegible] further.

In this [illegible] what is [illegible] industry [illegible] it is found [illegible] cost. When the furnacemen and the coke producers get [illegible] enough [illegible] to consumers [illegible] prices [illegible] interests with [illegible] this [illegible] seventh son of seven [illegible] prophets [illegible] Mergers are not popular in this [illegible] but neither is competition [illegible] The merger spirit is growing again in the coke industry [illegible] region and it will not be surprising if something in this line soon happens without the aid or consent of Political Interests.

Production fell off 896 tons last week as compared with the week before, total being 318,234 tons as against 319,130 tons. The merchant ovens gained [illegible] furnace ovens [illegible] compared with 133 [illegible] tons [illegible]

[illegible]

A NEW RULE

Governing Certificates For Mine Foremen in West Virginia.

[illegible] West Virginia [illegible] which has been sent [illegible] Chief [illegible] John Laing. This [illegible] must [illegible] examination [illegible] held [illegible] competency [illegible] examination [illegible] Charleston, W. Va. [illegible] before the new [illegible] effect.

At first [illegible] was opposed by some of the foremen and fire bosses, but [illegible] it is [illegible] regulations [illegible]

The question [illegible] every fire boss should be [illegible] foremen and bosses [illegible] examination is given them to determine their fitness. All the operators have been apprised of the ruling and all persons not holding certificates of competency must be discharged January first.

SAY AGE LIMIT OF BOYS IS HIGH

Mining Institute Hears Discussion of Problems of the Producers.

THEY WANT NEW LEGISLATION

There is too Long a Period Between 14 Years When Boys Some Times Finish School and 16 When They Can Work in the Pit

The winter meeting of the Coal Mining Institute of America opened Tuesday morning in the assembly rooms of the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania in the Oliver building Pittsburg with about 100 coal mine operators, mining engineers and mine inspectors present. The first business of the day was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The result of the balloting was as follows: President A. A. Callow ay General Superintendent of the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company Punxsutawney Pa. First Vice President Jesse K. Johnston Charlo i Second Vice President W. E. Fohl mining engineer Pittsburg Third Vice President Elias Phillips State Mine Inspector Dubois Pa. Secretary-Treasurer Charles L. Fay Wilkes Barre Pa. Board members James Scurfield Listie Pa. Nicholas Evans Punxsutawney Pa. S. A. Taylor Pittsburg Austin King Scottdale.

The afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of various questions of interest to mine operators. A discussion of the new mining code which among other things decrees that no boy shall enter the mines until he is 16 years old took up most of this session. Spirited addresses against the act were made by State Mine Inspector Elias Phillips Secretary C. L. Fay R. T. Hall F. W. Cunningham and S. A. Taylor.

The chief argument against the act which prevents boys from securing employment in the mines until they are 16 years old was that in other industries boys can go to work when they have attained the age of 14 years. The mine operator think that this seeming discrimination against the mining industry should be removed.

Mr Fay in the course of his remarks stated that this provision in the code put a premium on dishonesty as the children getting under ord s from their parents would lie regarding their exact age. Another argument used was that children may finish their schooling when they are 14 years old and then have to wait until they are 16 before they can go to work and help support their families. It was claimed by one of the speakers that during these two years of idleness the boys of the mining villages retrograde morally and are continually getting into mischief.

Mine Inspector Cunningham's argument for an amendment to this provision was that the boys of the mining villages are prevented from entering the mines when they are through schooling and naturally drift into some other industry and seldom return to the mines when of age. The sentiment among the operators was general that the act should be amended and the age limit lowered to 14 years.

Another question which precipitated an interesting discussion was How can the number of accidents in mines from falls be reduced. Thomas K. Adams who conducted the afternoon session stated that 53 per cent of the accidents in mines were caused by falls of slate or coal and that but 3 of the accidents were caused by explosions.

Mine Inspector Isaac Roby of Uniontown answered the question by stating that the whole fault lies with the miner himself in the first place as he neglects to prop up the draw slate until he has loaded all the coal. Other mine experts contribute to the argument the general conclusion being that these accidents were due to a lack of discipline not only on the part of the miners but also on the part of the mine foremen and superintendents. It was suggested that where a miner disobeyed orders to properly prop the slate in his room that he be suspended and then if the offense is repeated he be discharged.

A discussion of the best kind of motor for use in mines was discussed briefly.

The next question was What type of pumping machinery is best suited to withstand the corrosive action of water? Mr Taylor told the mine operators of an interesting discovery by the bureau of mines of Pittsburg after conducting tests suggested by the above question. He said that by the introduction of a small current of electricity to the pump that the effect of the acids in the mine water was neutralized. Other operators followed up the discussion by a recital of their own experiences with pumping corrosive water.

The institute met last night with the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania for a joint session at which an interesting paper on Steam Plants was read by O. S. Lyford Jr. The paper was the joint work of Mr Lyford and P. W. Stovell both of Westinghouse Church Kerr & Company of New York.

The question of steam power plants was confined to steam turbine electric plants with bituminous fuel used with boilers and went into each detail connected with the installation of such a plant. Lantern slides were used to show various plants and sections already erected.

The paper shows that the geographical location and cost of coal are not all or not even the largest factors in the difference found in steam plants and that the character of the load physical conditions of the plant site fitness of the apparatus to meet the conditions are so important that no territorial classification of power plants can be made.

A table showing the range in first cost of the installation of a steam turbo electric generating station was given with remarks on the reasons for the difference in cost items and the tendency of present day design.

The paper was followed by a general discussion at which some very interesting points were brought out particularly regarding the class of condenser most suitable for use with the turbines. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks to Mr Lyford and Stovel was given by the society.

The coal mining institute will meet again today in the society rooms in the Oliver building.

The following is the program for the mid-winter meeting of the Coal Mining Institute of America held in the rooms of the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania Pittsburg Tuesday and Wednesday.

December 19 10 A. M. Business session Reports of officer reports of committees election of members election of officers.

2 P. M. the Question Box Thomas K. Adams State Mine Inspector presiding. The entire session will be devoted to the discussion of practical questions submitted by members.

8 P. M. Joint meeting with Engineers Society Address Walter Riddle ch D Ph C President of the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania paper Power Plants with Special Reference to Requirements in Western Pennsylvania (Illustrated with lantern slides) O. S. Lyford Jr P. W. Stovel engineers with Westinghouse Church Kerr & Company.

Paper Special Methods of Testing for Mine Gases W. R. Crane Ph. D Dean of the School of Mines Pennsylvania State College.

Paper The Construction and Maintenance of Telephone Signal and Trolley Lines in Mines F. M. Weir of the Western Electric Company.

Paper Application of Gas Appliances in Coal Mine G. A. Burrel Chemist United States Bureau of Mines.

2 P. M. paper The Price of Coal Compared With the Price of Materials Used in Mining E. N. Zern Assistant Professor of Coal Mining University of Pittsburg.

Paper Electric Symbols for Use on Mine Maps to Indicate the Character and Location of Electrical Apparatus H. H. Clark Electrical Engineer United States Bureau of Mines Mr Randolph of Wood & Randolph Electrical Engineers Pittsburg.

Paper Lignite Mining in Colorado C. J. Griswold Assistant Professor of Mining Carnegie Technical Schools Pittsburg.

6 P. M. Institute dinner Seventh Avenue Hotel.

8:30 P. M. Engineers Society rooms Address President S. A. Taylor The Coal Fields of the World with Some Statistics and Data Thereon (Illustrated by stereopticon.)

COAL AND OIL

Of the Foxburg Region and Their Formation in Past Age

WASHINGTON Dec 20—The area known as the Foxburg and Clarion quadrangles in northwestern Pennsylvania is one of the most interesting and important which has been studied by the United States Geological Survey. This area which comprises about 450 square miles is in the great coal oil and gas producing region of Western Pennsylvania and a geologic folio (No 178) describing its geology and mineral resources has recently been published by the Survey.

The area is drained by Allegheny and Clarion rivers. The rocks occurring in it are mostly of carboniferous age the sediments of which they were formed having been laid down in the great period that is notable for the accumulation of beds of coal. The layers of rock are nearly flat and are in this respect very different from those in Eastern Pennsylvania for example which were tilted and bent and broken in the great mountain making movement that gave rise to the Appalachians.

In the chapter on geologic history it is stated that long ago the area now constituting Western Pennsylvania was a part of the ocean and sediment in the water slowly settled to the bottom and later hardened into rock. Several time during the carboniferous period this area rose above sea level for a few centuries or thousands of years. During such epochs of emergence the region became a great swamp with luxuriant vegetation and just as in such places today vegetable material does not decay completely but accumulates in layer many feet thick so in carboniferous time the plant material accumulated and later when conditions changed so that more sediment was brought into the region this vegetable matter was buried and compressed into coal.

Since carboniferous time the region has been uplifted until it is now from 800 to 1 600 feet above sea level. The streams have washed out deep valleys and carved the old flat surface into a multitude of hills. At a time geologically very late in the earth's history a great glacier crept down from the north into northwestern Pennsylvania bringing with it a mass of stones and dirt. The glacier did not extend as far southeast as Foxburg and Clarion but much of the debris brought by the ice was swept farther south by the Allegheny river which was at that time flowing about 200 feet above its present channel. This material may be seen now high up on the valley sides in the form of great gravel deposits. Many of the stones having come from Canada are very different from those which are native in Western Pennsylvania.

The most important mineral resources of this area are coal oil and gas. Millions of dollars worth of these products have been already taken out and millions of dollars worth still await the miner and driller. There are many beds of coal all of which outcrop extensively and in addition to a score or more of large mines there are numerous small mines or country banks where the coal is sold at 4 to 6 cents a bushel. The oil and gas is found in several different layers of porous sandstone lying from 600 to 2 000 feet below the surface. The district has been well prospected for oil and gas but there are no doubt some valuable pools which have not yet been tapped. Some of the wells have produced as much as 000 barrels of oil and some 1 000 000 cubic feet of gas a day but at present the daily output of most of the wells is only a few barrel.

The Foxburg Clarion folio can be obtained from the Director of the Geological Survey Washington D. C. at a cost of 25 cents.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Dec 16, 1911.

Total Ovens	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P O Address.
459	80	Acme	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
80		Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
275	200	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
358	170	Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
207	200	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
192	150	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
170		Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
00	200	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	150	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
98	150	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	110	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32		Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
403	2 1	Central	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	4	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
160	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
108	40	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120		Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	340	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	310	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	200	Continental No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	200	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
170		Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
333	90	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	J R. Stauffer & Co.	Scottdale
230	60	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	20	Elton No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	30	Elton No 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
318	150	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
175	110	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
60	40	Franklin	B F Keister & Co.	Scottdale
10		Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	1 0	Grace	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
272	160	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	250	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	50	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
80		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
355	300	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	200	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Junction	Marietta Ganler Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
205	114	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
199	400	Leisenring No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
49	400	Leisenring No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	400	Leisenring No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
504	305	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	150	Lemont No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	250	Lemont No	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
32		Love	Cave-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdal
40	40	Monroe	Isaac Coke Co	Uniontown
810	400	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
4[illegible]	300	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	25	Marion	Marion Coke Co	Connellsville
	11	Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
3 1	112	Mt. Braddock	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg Pa
150		Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32		Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
329	329	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
251	200	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
228	220	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
480	300	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
213	0	Painter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Paul	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
25		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
15		Percy	Marietta & Shewagon	Percy
400	320	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50		Rainey	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
446	200	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
650	264	Revere	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
25		Sampey	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	60	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
42		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
36	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
448	295	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
625	3 0	Southwest No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	120	Southwest No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
276	150	Southwest No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
305	50	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	0	Sterling No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
155		Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
135		Summit	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40		Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
45	45	Tip Top	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
464	381	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50		Union	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
550	01	United	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	120	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	50	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
200		Whit	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
5[illegible]	250	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	00	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	400	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
241	160	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

PLAN TO CONSERVE

Pennsylvania Gas Coal Suggested by Federal Bureau Tests

WASHINGTON Dec 20—With the idea of finding coal throughout the United States available for the manufacture of illuminating gas in order that they may be substituted for the higher priced and rapidly vanishing Pennsylvania gas coals the Federal Bureau of Mines some time ago compiled a series of investigations which have just been embodied in a bulletin entitled Coals available for the manufacture of illuminating gas.

The authors are A. H. White and Perry Barker. In a statement of the investigations prepared by Herbert M. Wilson engineer in charge of the Pittsburg Experiment Station of the Bureau the following is said: In a consideration of the various means whereby more economical and more efficient use may be made of the fuels of the United States the possibility of obtaining other and cheaper fuels than the Pennsylvania coals for the production of illuminating gas demands attention. For the government as well as for private corporations and the householder there can be no more economical or efficient way of using coals than through the medium of illuminating gas. In the stove gas reduces the labor cost of heat production and lessens the drudgery of the kitchen. Burned in the Welsbach mantle it is an excellent and cheap illuminant. In addition the coke that remains after the gas has been recovered furnishes a smokeless fuel that has about the same heating value as anthracite coal. Hence any investigations that will indicate how local coals through proper treatment may be substituted for the higher priced Pennsylvania gas coals will bring about lower prices for both gas and coke and will also aid to conserve for use in metallurgical processes the coking coals of Pennsylvania and other states.

The annual drain on the gas coal resources of this country and the importance of the gas and coke industries are indicated by the fact that 8 390 123 tons of coal were carbonized in retorts in the United States in 1909. The resulting salable products from by-product ovens were 15 91 000 000 cubic feet of coal gas 6 254 644 tons of coke and 60 196 000 gallons of tar. The total value of all by products was about $25 085.

There are few well developed coal fields in this country that furnish coal satisfying all the requirements of illuminating gas manufacture. Most of the coal used hitherto has come from Western Pennsylvania or the quantity supplied by other fields being relatively small. The utilization of gas coals from new or little known districts has been difficult because of the attendant necessary testing stations and expensive study of the complex process of gas manufacture.

The investigations were so directed as to permit the testing of coals from different parts of the United States. The results show that coal in coals from which good yields of gas had been expected cannot be considered available to illuminating gas manufacture whereas other coals give promise and should be investigated further.

Detailed tests of the coals from various parts of the country are given in the bulletin which may be obtained free of charge by applying to the Director of the Bureau of Mines Washington D. C.

COAL OPERATORS ORGANIZE

All Except Pennsylvania and Ohio Become Members

CHICAGO Dec 19—Coal operators from all the bituminous fields in the United States excepting those of Pennsylvania and Ohio met here yesterday and organized the American Federation of Coal Operators the mission of which will be to arrange a wage scale that will be acted on before April 1 when the present scale expires.

We hope to arrange for a conference with operators from Ohio and Pennsylvania but in any event it is to have every coal field in the bituminous region represented said Harry M. Taylor who was elected President.

Cars Scarce in Kentucky

Cars have been scarce for several weeks past in the Middlesboro Ky field and last week the operators of that district applied to the U. S. Commerce Court at Washington for a writ of mandamus to compel the Louisville & Nashville railroad to furnish more coal carrying equipment.

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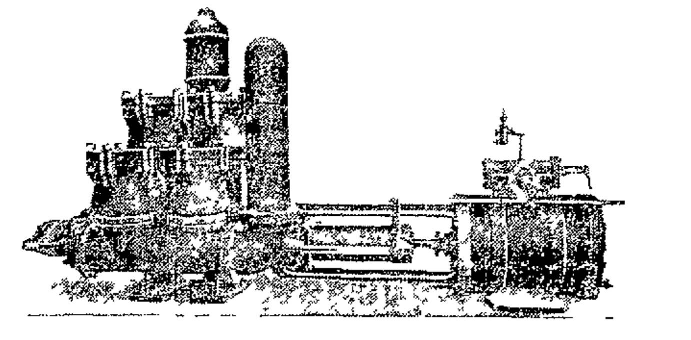

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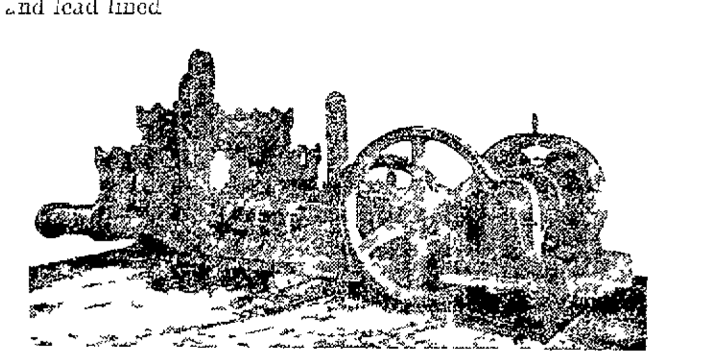

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Coke Fields of the Pittsburg District.

Brooks J Goodin at the recent meeting of the Foundrymen's Association at Pittsburg read a paper of which the following is an abstract on The Coke Fields of the Pittsburg District.

The foundry coke made from the Connellsville vein of coal varies greatly in analysis according to the part of the region from which it comes although the physical structure has the same general characteristics being large and hard and presenting a bright silvery appearance when first drawn from the ovens.

For descriptive purposes we will divide the Connellsville vein into three parts namely the Latrobe at the north end of the region and adjacent to the town of that name the high sulphur district at the southern end of the region and the old basin between the two.

In the Latrobe field which should not be confused with the Greensburg field, which I shall take up later the plants are located north of the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad and Loyalhanna creek. Practically all of these operations produce high sulphur coke that is coke that will analyze over 1 per cent in sulphur though the structure is very large and tough and the loss from breakage in handling is comparatively small.

The analyses of the majority of the cokes produced in the Latrobe field show sulphur 1.25 and upward and ash 10 to 1[illegible] per cent. Some Latrobe coke is used successfully by quite a number of eastern foundries.

In the high sulphur Connellsville region which is located south of Fairchance the coke is in almost every case high in sulphur though as in the Latrobe fields it has good physical structure and where sulphur is not a vital element it can be used to advantage. For instance a number of sash weight manufacturers use this coke successfully.

The limits of the Connellsville low sulphur region proper are generally conceded to be the Pennsylvania railroad and Loyalhanna creek on the north and a line drawn east and west through the town of Fairchance on the south [illegible] within these limits produce low sulphur coke with excellent physical structure provided however that proper care is taken in the mining of the coal and if the coke is to be used in a cupola [illegible] soft spongy material is done before loading on cars.

John Fulton one of the greatest authorities on coke gives the following analysis as to what constitute standard Connellsville coke.

	Per cent
Moisture	[illegible]
Volatile matter	[illegible]
Fixed carbon	[illegible]
Ash	[illegible]
Sulphur	[illegible]

This analysis is very fair [illegible] of the bulk of the [illegible] with the exception of the sulphur. The percentage of sulphur that Mr Fulton gives is [illegible] low [illegible] this element runs in the majority of the cokes produced the average being nearer 0.80 to [illegible] per cent.

The area covered by the Greensburg district is approximately three miles [illegible] and its limits [illegible] the southwest [illegible] on the Pennsylvania railroad [illegible] of that name [illegible] operating in this field [illegible] two exceptions prepare [illegible] is made into coke [illegible] washing [illegible] the coal in its natural state [illegible] high in sulphur [illegible] the average foundry [illegible]

[illegible]

Connellsville regions there are several plants in Washington county that make coke of good quality and there is also [illegible] in Indiana county.

Washington county is practically and Greene county entirely undeveloped as regards coke producing fields although in all probability in the future it is from these counties that you will have to draw your supply of fuel.

There are such a large number of [illegible] of coal in the northern part of West Virginia from which coke is made that I will endeavor only to give a brief outline of them. The highest grade cokes are made [illegible] plants located on the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad in Preston county and along the line of the Western Maryland. The products of these various plants are [illegible] under 1 per cent in sulphur [illegible] very often as low as [illegible]. The ash however is usually over 1[illegible] per cent often running as high as 1[illegible] to 18 per cent. The coke is hard [illegible] It is considered lighter in weight than Connellsville coke.

Almost all the fuel produced in northern West Virginia [illegible] and the [illegible] in some quarters is very good.

Coke is made in three types of ovens. The beehive, the [illegible] and the [illegible] ordinal or Belgian [illegible]

As its name implies the beehive oven resembles a [illegible] having more than [illegible] vertical cylinder about 1[illegible] feet [illegible] in diameter and [illegible] inches in height surrounded [illegible] The total height of the interior is from [illegible]

[illegible]

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Lower Connellsville District

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Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
[illegible]		Alah	Alah Coke Company	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	New York
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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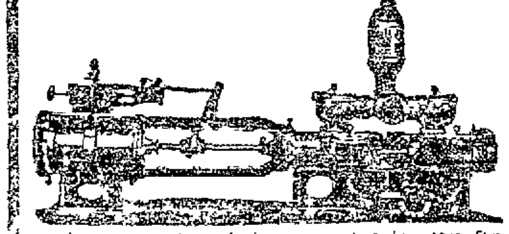

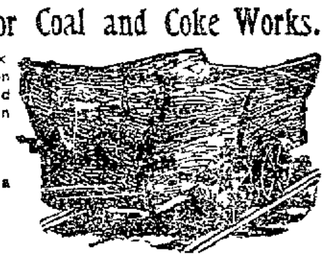

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC 21, '11

The Taxation of Foreigners

The Legislature at its 1911 session passed a bill introduced by the Honorable Peter J Guyeaux, sole and satisfying representative of the First Legislative District of Fayette County, which bill enacted

That all unnaturalized foreign-born residents shall be subject to the payment of all taxes assessed by virtue of the authority of this Commonwealth, of any county city borough township or school district IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PENALTIES AS CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH NOW ARE

Provided That this act shall not apply to any poll tax which may be assessed for the purpose of qualifying citizens to vote

It is further provided that any such resident residing within the State of Pennsylvania for one year shall come under the provisions of the law

The constitutionality of this law has been questioned in some quarters, and we note that in Upper Tyrone township the Road Supervisors have refused to levy such occupation tax for road purposes

In the Legislature of 1897, the Honorable George Washington Campbell, a member from Fayette county, introduced and pushed to passage a bill levying upon foreign laborers a tax of three cents per day for every day they were employed, and requiring employers to deduct the tax from their wages and pay it over to the county treasuries, one-half to be for the use of the county and the other one half for the use of the school districts within the county This tax was collected for several years but the law was finally declared to be unconstitutional by Judge Acheson of the Circuit Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania, who declared it to be in contravention of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution and the treaty rights under it

The Fourteenth Amendment declares that no State "shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law" Congress supplements this by legislation providing that "All persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right in every State and Territory to make and enforce contracts to sue be parties give evidence, and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property as is enjoyed by white citizens and SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PAINS PENALTIES TAXES LICENSES AND EXACTIONS OF EVERY KIND AND TO NO OTHER"

In declaring the Campbell act unconstitutional, Judge Acheson said

"Evidently the act is intended to hinder the employment of foreign born unnaturalized male persons over 21 years of age The act is hostile to and discriminates against such persons It interposes to the pursuit by them of their lawful avocations obstacles to which others under like circumstances are not subjected It imposes upon these persons burdens which are not laid upon others in the same calling and condition The tax is an arbitrary deduction from the daily wages of a particular class of persons

Now, the equal protection of the laws declared by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution secures to each person within the jurisdiction of a State exemption from any burdens or charges OTHER THAN SUCH AS ARE EQUALLY LAID UPON ALL OTHERS UNDER LIKE CIRCUMSTANCES

It will be observed that it is plainly within the authority of the Road Supervisors of Upper Tyrone township to levy upon such foreigners the tax authorized by the Act of June 23 1897 which provides that, upon every taxpayer the Road Supervisors of each township shall assess the sum of one dollar in addition to the millage tax and further that it is within the authority of the School Boards to levy upon such foreigners the tax imposed by the School Code of 1911 Section 542, which says

Each resident or inhabitant over 21 years of age in every school district of the second third or fourth class in this Commonwealth shall annually in addition to any tax he may pay on any real estate or other property pay for the use of the school district in which he is a resident or inhabitant an occupation tax of at least one dollar

The authority of boroughs to assess an occupation tax is contained in the General Borough Act of 1851 Section 13 which authorizes boroughs to assess, in addition to taxes on real estate taxes on offices professions and persons made taxable by the laws of this Commonwealth for county rates and levies

The poll tax assessed by the county is the electoral qualification tax and from this of course foreign residents are exempt

It is just and proper that the foreigners pay these taxes, because they enjoy all the rights and privileges here that are enjoyed by our citizens, save only the right to vote They have the same right as the citizen to call upon our police powers for protection in their persons and their property The courts are open to them for justice The public schools educate their children with the same fidelity which they educate the children of the citizens They have the same use of our public highways, our public conveniences and our public utilities generally As a matter of equity they should pay their share of the cost of government It also a matter of law

If the Upper Tyrone township Road Supervisors have refused to levy upon foreigners of that township the poll tax of one dollar required to be levied by the Act of 1897 under the impression that the Act of 1911 is unconstitutional they had, we think better reconsider the matter and investigate it further

A lawyer might help some

The junk business is always under suspicion

A North Side Socialist's Plaint.

John Mitchell Socialist objects to the statement recently made in these columns to the effect that the Republican administration of Connellsville is giving us clean streets John thinks it is a joke He refers to us as the acknowledged mouthpiece of the Republican party and he would take us by the hand and lead us into the suburbs of the North Side and show us where we are much mistaken He says

Please attire yourself on the morrow in mackintosh and rubber boots and accompany me to that portion of your leading business and residence street lying between Gibson avenue and Eighth street and you will be more engulfed and bespattered with mud and filth than in your most hideous nightmare you ever dreamed of

For nearly two whole blocks wagons sink hub deep in slough and filth and pedestrians are ankle deep in water and refuse

These conditions have existed for years in spite of repeated attempts on the part of the poor resident property owners of the locality for better conditions

Amongst the non resident property owners in this district are many of the richest men of this city time and again have they been solicited to sign a petition for the paving of these two blocks on North Pittsburg I am referring to but to no avail

They collect in some cases exorbitant rents for their properties taking into consideration the horrible conditions that exist and they turn a deaf ear to all requests and petitions

Now that Connellsville is a third class city and petitions for paving are not necessary your Republican municipal body should step in and obliterate for evermore this filthy, foul blot on your civic pride

The Courier's remark concerning clean streets had reference only to paved streets. Granted that the condition of the street complained of is bad it is evidently due to the fact that the property-owners there have not put forth the proper effort to have it paved. It is admitted that no petition for this purpose has ever been filed This has not been the fault of the Republican administration of Connellsville and the attempt to connect it therewith is unwarranted and unjust. It has been the rule of the Connellsville authorities to pave when their finances would permit, only streets whereon the abutting property owners petition for such improvement agreeing to pay two thirds of the cost.

Our Socialistic friend assumes too much when he says that Connellsville is now a city of the third class and petitions for paving are not necessary He forgets that under the decision of the Supreme Court Connellsville is merely an Embryonic City a city in name but not in substance, a city in futuro and not in esse a city in 1913 and a borough in the meantime

But even if it were now a city, its financial condition would not permit it to pave streets promiscuously and possibly there are other sections of Connellsville with claims quite as urgent as the locality described by our protesting correspondent

Local environment naturally looms largely up but municipal government is necessarily much broader and more comprehensive

A Horse Bill Joke

The Beesontown Horse Bill perpetrates the following little joselet

The Con Courier says The Herald does not love Connellsville The Herald loves Connellsville a dishel slight more than the courier loves the independent coke operators

We note with interest the big Con and the little courier They are characteristic of the little herald Little men of little minds can't agree with bigger kinds It's no use to hope they will so as long as their livers are ill

The Herald has been very assiduous of late in trying to convince the members of the Coke Producers Association that they have but one newspaper supporter in The Herald and one arch enemy in The Courier

Before its statements will be accepted by the members of the Coke Producers Association The Herald will have to explain a number of things We suggest that it begin by apologizing to Secretary Rowe

In the meantime The Courier's position is too well established to be shaken by any false and malicious insinuations

Prattling Prevarication

Not being able to successfully deny that it is owned by certain political interests and is slave to them the Uniontown High Water Mark Herald with that peculiar strategy for which it is famous in Fayette county politics seeks to make a diversion by asserting that The Courier is either subsidized or owned outright by the Steel Corporation

Neither the Steel Corporation nor any person connected with it in any capacity own any portion of The Courier nor did they ever have the slightest financial interest in it Furthermore The Courier is not subsidized by the Steel Corporation or by any other interest or person

The Herald is still seeking the light and it wants us to explain some more things it cannot understand Sorry but the leading newspaper of Fayett county is so crowded with advertising today and the editorial space so short that we cannot bother with prattle and prevarication

This is a newspaper not a kindergarten

Jesse Hook Wise's "Contest."

The hearing in the case of Jesse Hook Wise late Democratic candidate in this district who is contesting the seat of Congressman Thomas Spencer Crago confirms the suspicion that the contest is one of bluff not wholly devoid of commercialism

No evidence was produced to support the allegations of the contestant and his charges were to say the least rather vague His testimony was an arraignment He sought to support his claims by suspicion instead of facts He told the committee that he was defeated by wholesale bribery and corruption which was participated in by almost everybody in Fayette county from the judges on the bench to the judges of election while as a matter of fact few elections have been cleaner It wasn't necessary to bribe the voters to vote against Jesse

J Hook is evidently laboring under the impression that he can break into Congress through political prejudice and that evidence isn't necessary to make out his case

The boquet of the spirit of Christmas is in the air and it's attractive to the blue nose brigade

The Harnessing of the Cheat.

The water rights on the Cheat have at last been taken over by enterprising capitalists and will be developed The Cheat river will be harnessed Its wasted energies will be devoted to the generation of power for the manufacture of electricity and for other useful purposes

It is only within the past few years that the wonderful possibilities of water power have been seriously considered for modern purposes though such use was common a century ago long before the age of steam and electricity

While the purpose of the power development of the Cheat river is given given out to be the electric lighting of that section of West Virginia, it will probably be found that a portion of the power will be devoted to other enterprises not yet mentioned but which will inevitably develop

Get Busy

The Chamber of Commerce will start the new year with a new President and with a fresh purpose to start something in Connellsville

Every progressive citizen should encourage by every means in his power any and all movements looking toward the location of additional industries here If Connellsville expects to go forward there must be no halting in the work already accomplished

The Get Together Club ought to Get Busy.

Mob Manners and Rotten Newspapers

The Uniontown Herald does not seem to have much love for Connellsville It says

A gallery god sitting in the goose heaven of a Connellsville theatre threw a lemon on the stage with such violence that it almost knocked an eye out of one of the fair dancers of a burlesque troupe Incidentally the incident prevented the production of the Dream Dance for it was the dancer that the lemon put out of commission Connellsville's manners are about as rotten as its newspapers

Turning to another part of this same paper we note that this same burlesque company was mobbed by a Uniontown audience

Some Uniontown papers are even more rotten than Uniontown mob manners.

Congressman Curtis Hussey Gregg is getting ready to be Speaker of the House Every now and then he succeeds Speaker Champ Clark If we must have a Democratic speaker we are unqualifiedly for Speaker Gregg Pennsylvania has furnished able Democratic Speakers in times past and she might do so in the future but without meaning to cast any reflections upon our excellent friend Congressman Gregg it is not at all probable that Pennsylvania will be called upon soon to supply such a demand

Judging from its bawling the Beesontown Horse Bill must have been hard hit.

Anxious Inquirer wants to know why the rainfall has been so heavy this fall We don't know unless it is because the big corporations have squeezed an unusual amount of water out of their customers

The Uniontown Herald kicks against smoking compartments on the West Penn Perhaps the editor has quit smoking and taken to chewing

The Uniontown Herald is justly proud of its circulation and advertising patronage but there are others Come neighbor be fair

The days are getting shorter and the shopping hours longer

To the Uniontown Mourning Herald Come around after business hours Bring the Professor with you and tell him to be sure not to forget his spelling book and grammar It's such a joy to box his ears with em

The Uniontown Herald is playing the part of Fayette county's journalistic grouch It is just now disgusted with everything and everybody Who struck Billy Patterson Cheer up Billy Christmas is coming Try to get the Christmas spirit Be good and be happy Santa Claus doesn't like bad boys

Lincoln Steffens Master Mucker finds fault with the character and conduct of Jesus Christ What else could we expect

It seems that the Mormon elders can't get over the habit of having wives in bunches and children in flocks

John D Rockefeller claims his ancestors came over here in 172_ John has been making all of us come across for some time

The Stanley Committee will go down in history as the greatest discoverer of Mare's Nests in the country

The North Union township Road Supervisors are accused of graft This is an unusual charge to bring against Fayette county Road Supervisors though not an unusual suspicion

The West Side is being steam-shoveled into railroad semblance at a railroad rate

The Los Angeles dynamiting case is not over Justice is getting closer to the Men Higher Up

The Trust-busting business is expensive for the Government but perhaps it is considered money well invested for the People

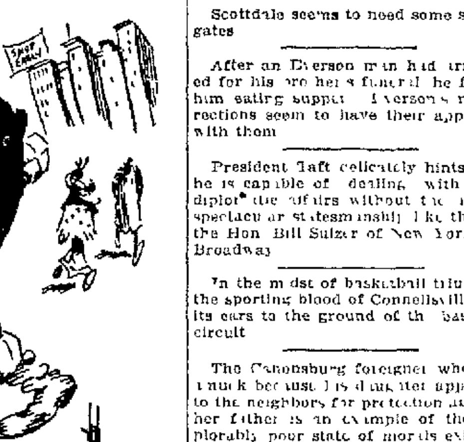
It is estimated that 95% of the business of the country is done on bank checks As a medium of exchange they have bank notes beaten to a finish Moral Open a bank account

It is encouraging to know that business is looking better Santa Claus promises to be the real thing this year

Good times in a Presidential year is a good sign for Republicans

If the energies of the Democratic House must find outlet we would suggest that instead of keeping prosperity back from the people by tinkering with the Tariff that is fair and troubling the Trusts that are virtuous they tackle the proposition to change the

Abe Martin



Lafe Bud has got one o' them new catterpiller hats

If ever' buddy wuz gentle an' kind you couldn' git around fer th' bores

Presidential inaugural day from March to April or May

Congressman Gregg of Westmoreland county has introduced a bill making Columbus Day a national legal holiday The Honorable Curtis sympathizes with the great Columbus Both of them found something they didn't really expect and both will go down in history as great men

When the Lake Erie starts to build any new construction or other important improvement it never indulges in futile dalliance

Franklin township is still suspected of being gas and oil territory

Chicago gets the Republican National Convention We do not share the timid fear that the Convention will be On the Hog

The Uniontown Herald persists in telling us how to spell and in return asks us to tell it how to think. It's not a fair exchange

Jesse Hook Wise says the Republican politicians of Fayette county changed the system on him In view of the overwhelming majority against him it must have been a great change in a great system It looks as though Jess had the people to change on him

The Postoffice Department is at last on a paying basis and one cent postage is in sight Not only has the country grown but the use of the mails has increased in even greater proportion

Connellsville is now a way station to a railroad as well as a commercial center It's a main line city

The message that Henry Clay Frick sends to the Pittsburg steel district and incidentally to the Connellsville coke region is a gladsome Christmas gift

The editorials in the Connellsville Courier read as if they had been written by the village blacksmith says the Uniontown High Water Mark Herald If we remember correctly the village blacksmith was the hardest hitter in the community Thanks Professor

The Tennessee mine disaster presents the pathetic picture of pent miners fleeing madly from rescue and illustrates in a shockingly vivid manner the horrors of such a situation

The Dawson Black Hand seems to have a nimble foot

The new B & O tunnel at Sand Patch has come through

John _ Shields has qualified as County Commissioner of Westmoreland county He is determined to hold office as long as he can

Uniontown is holding a Teachers Institute this week for the benefit of the country pedagogues Uniontown teachers no longer associate with their rural neighbors They have become very exclusive They hold their own institute and then kindly consent that the rustics shall have the proud privilege of meeting in the same town The next Fayette County Teachers Institute should be held in Dawson Dunbar Mason own or Brownsville

The Connellsville merchant coke manufacturers have moved to Washington this week

The Beesontown Bugle trumpets loudly because it prints as many as eight pages and is crowded It insinuates that it has the largest circulation and the biggest advertising patronage of any newspaper in Fayette county The Herald is the Great Insinuator of Fayette county horse bill journalism In the meantime The Courier today consists of sixteen pages set in type which makes nearly double the amount of reading matter to the column than that from which the Herald is printed and our columns are crowded too

Juvenile Court calls for keener wit and wiser judgment than that which is essential to the trial of criminals no longer children

If the Uniontown Horse Bill would set less display type in its news columns it wouldn't be crowded half so much Its headlines usually take up one third the space of its first page A screamer head on a dog fight may be the height of Pittsburg journalism but out here in the country the people would like to read something else besides the headlines

Winter is hovering around and Christmas is coming They ought to connect to be seasonable

The Connellsville police raided a poker joint. We were under the impression that this particular game was played exclusively in Uniontown Perhaps there were some wicked Uniontown men here

Scottdale seems to need some safety gates

After an Everson man had arranged for his brother's funeral he found him eating supper Everson's resurrections seem to have their appetites with them

President Taft delicately hints that he is capable of dealing with our diplomatic affairs without the aid of spectacular statesmanship like that of the Hon Bill Sulzer of New York by Broadway

In the midst of basketball triumphs the sporting blood of Connellsville has its ears to the ground of the baseball circuit

The Canonsburg foreigner who ran amuck because his daughter appealed to the neighbors for protection against her father is an example of the deplorably poor state of morals existing in some of our foreign colonies Many of the Slavish people who come to this country are industrious and ambitious Their children are intelligent and in time make good citizens But it seems that among a certain class the laws of decency and morality are lightly Such should feel the heavy hand of the law and the nationality as a whole should not be condemned for the sins of the few

The Democratic House could not resist the temptation to open a Pork Barrel There will be a $2 000 000 to $40 000 000 Rivers and Harbors bill

The Beesontown Morning Bugle has arrived at the stage of stealing our press dispatches and using them editorially Such is Christmas spirit

A Chicago dispatch announces that all the bituminous coal operators of the United States except those of Pennsylvania and [illegible] in this city and organized an association known as the American Federation of Coal Operators Judging from the statistics of coal production in the United States the American Federation of Coal Operators won't be very effective until it has annexed the Pennsylvania contingent

The Wabash is in the hands of a receiver but it is understood that it is a friendly receivership It will be remembered that the B & O was in the hands of receivers at one time and hit it up mighty briskly on

Westmoreland county's Young Statesman the Honorable Cyrus E Woods, is prominently mentioned for the post of Ambassador to Brazil Brazil is said to be hotter than Harrisburg but a Westmoreland county politician is accustomed to hot air

The Mover fire boss who tumbled over the embankment on his way home ought to have carried a light. A fire boss without a light is open to dark suspicion

Santa Claus is calling the colic, boys and girls back to their homes and to many surprises

Tip Top mine has touched bottom [illegible]

The fight for more equitable freight rates on Connellsville coke cannot help but succeed because of the fact that it is based on equity and common sense

The Beesontown Horse Bill seems to be annoyed about something It's sore and sulky It evidently worries too much about its neighbors Cheer up Christmas is coming Get the spirit and dump the grouch Be good and be happy

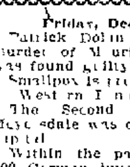
The Uniontown Mourning Herald has evidently been rubbed on an awful raw spot

Maybe that sixteen pages yesterday made The Uniontown Mourning Tin Horn Herald mad If so we're sorry but they are coming right along now Fayette county advertisers know the paper with the circulation They also know the windjammers

It is to be hoped that Santa Claus will bring the Beesontown Base Horn a more cheerful note

The Uniontown Daily Grouch ought to get busy on the gladsome Christmas season and forget its peevishness This is no time to cultivate sordid or silly antagonism

Looking Backward.



News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

Friday, December 16, 1881

Patrick Dolan charged with the murder of Maurice Healy of Dunbar was found guilty of manslaughter

Smallpox is prevalent in many towns of Western Pennsylvania

The Second National Bank of Mount Pleasant was organized with $100 000 capital

Within the past five months over 200 German immigrants have located at Broad Ford

A rich gold and silver mine has been discovered in Greene county They were not looking for coal in Greene county that time

Edward B White has been appointed superintendent of the Redstone coke works

The output of Dunbar furnace is now 1000 tons of [illegible] week Fairchance furnace is making 20 tons of [illegible] a day

J W Moore of Greensburg buys the [illegible] farm near Pleasant Unity for $1000 A coke works is to be built

W J Rainey is to build 1 ovens at Mt Braddock

H H Smith a New York promoter is trying to interest Pittsburg capitalists to utilize the gases from the coke ovens in the Connellsville region by piping it to Pittsburg. He is seeking a franchise from Pittsburg councils

Six deer were killed in Saltlick township during the past season

Another item from Saltlick township states that David Ayers has sold part of his coal along Indian Creek for $450 an acre

A Dawson item states that Joseph R Haughrey superintendent of the Schoonmaker coke interests is about to accept a position in St Louis

P G Cochran sells his fine residence in Upper Tyrone township to H C Frick

A giant mountain lion is terrorizing residents in the vicinity of Ferguson station

A student named Harris fell from the Pennsylvania railroad bridge on the New Haven side His only injury was a sprained ankle

David Welsh was appointed yard boss for the Frick Coal & Coke Company at Mercer court

The home of James Wilkey of Dunbar township was robbed A pocket book containing [illegible] button knife were taken

Willie Oaks son of Alexander Oaks of New Haven was killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Port Perry

County Superintendent Hunt made his annual inspection of the Connellsville schools

The following announcement is made of the opening of the Newmyer Opera House

The opening of the Newmyer Opera House last night was greatly well attended The audience was [illegible] The opening it might have been [illegible] was composed of some of our best people [illegible] at the box office and the rehearsal [illegible] of Byron W Porter Frank Hatter Williams [illegible] Harris Hall [illegible] was [illegible] merit of [illegible] Manager Strobel [illegible] reception accorded the company

At the close of the first act the [illegible] Newmyer which at first he [illegible] that a neat speech [illegible] He was not prepared [illegible] to make a speech but he thanked the audience for their liberal patronage [illegible] that he had done everything in his power to make the enterprise successful He was heartily cheered at the conclusion of his speech

The house is handsomely furnished [illegible] in the center [illegible] the stair is fitted [illegible] parlor [illegible] and Brussels carpet The drop curtain is one of the prettiest we have [illegible] various kind

Friday, December 18, 1891

[illegible] McSloy [illegible] of Hot [illegible] strike [illegible] Bouffier R H Harwood [illegible] George L Jaffe

[illegible]

[illegible] the Sockers [illegible] Captain [illegible] local [illegible] J P Patsl was elected [illegible]

A [illegible] of Dunkard [illegible] James N [illegible] township farmer [illegible]

[illegible] the humorous [illegible]

[illegible] Coke production [illegible] total of 17 109 shipments [illegible]

Charles D Scull [illegible] the Baltimore & Ohio [illegible]

The Monongahela and Shenango valley furnacemen [illegible] to secure a reduction on the rate of freight on coke The [illegible] from the Connellsville region [illegible]

The B [illegible] Minstrels [illegible] held at Newmyer Opera House

Friday, December 20, 1901

Congressman [illegible] introduces a bill in Congress [illegible] an appropriation of $100 000 for a federal building in [illegible]

David Longs [illegible] Sloan's [illegible] New Haven [illegible]

Four hundred [illegible] were enrolled at the 45th annual teachers Institute at Uniontown

Miss Harriet [illegible] Murphy formerly of [illegible] township was [illegible] killed in the [illegible] room of her home in Pittsburg [illegible] Attorney John A Murphy

David [illegible] Daniel Brashurn [illegible] Uniontown

The Pittsburg Coal Company held responsible for the [illegible] Charles Zimmerman William C Heath [illegible] George Crosby [illegible] who were killed by an explosion of fire damp in the Grindstone mine

The [illegible] of the past week was [illegible] a change of 70 degrees in 24 hours from Saturday to Sunday [illegible] was followed [illegible] below zero in the mountains

Contracts [illegible] power [illegible] for the [illegible] Railway Company [illegible] would be running [illegible] to Greensburg by April 1

Coke production [illegible] tons [illegible] Shipments were 1684 cars Consumers demand for coke is daily becoming more pressing

The annual report of the Cottage State Hospital [illegible] during the past year forty seven of this number died

Thomas O'Hara proprietor of the Fillmore House aged 44 years died of paralysis

Robert J C[illegible] aged [illegible] former Fayette county [illegible] died in Chicago of pneumonia

HIS COUSIN COMING

Barthold Rottler Hasn't Seen Him Since They Parted 32 Years Ago

[illegible] Barthold [illegible] is expecting his cousin this week whom he hasn't seen for [illegible] years The cousin is John [illegible] Baden Germany [illegible] John [illegible] America [illegible]

[illegible] arrived in this country [illegible] west [illegible] St Louis to visit [illegible] region for some time before returning to Germany

Masonic Officers Elected

Officers were elected and installed by the [illegible] Royal Arch Masons [illegible] Connellsville Thursday [illegible] as follows High Priest W [illegible] Long King [illegible] Scribe [illegible] Treasurer Alex [illegible] Secretary S G Zimmerman [illegible] Representative to Grand Chapter Harry M Gibbons Trustees W H Thomas J L Evans and C H Reimel

TO THE NEW BOARD.

By Isaacs of Yukon

AKRON Dec 11—The Old School board [illegible] fade entirely from view [illegible] duty of turning over the keys of the educational system [illegible] instructions that I should [illegible] the way The old board [illegible] members have been [illegible] by the great mass of [illegible] which is not holding

[illegible] members of the [illegible] administration [illegible] to inform you that they [illegible] to suggest in the way of using up the taxpayers money [illegible] for you to discover [illegible] that they have not administered [illegible] all expressed the regret [illegible] the hot [illegible] at being rushed [illegible] the office holding profession [illegible] grateful class of short [illegible] voter

You will find the treasury empty and [illegible] chalk box on the [illegible] There should be several hundred dollars of easy money on hand [illegible] giving [illegible] in an effort to [illegible] discontented voter [illegible] long experience the old [illegible] policy to keep [illegible] tied up in a napkin when every dollar [illegible] put to work in a [illegible] some hungry mortal could be satisfied

The janitor expects his salary to be raised [illegible] per month but don't do it He had his [illegible] up three times [illegible] big threats to resign While only three hours of instruction [illegible] to qualify as Italian [illegible] digger to learn all the [illegible] this kind of work comes under the head of classical [illegible]

As [illegible] of you are elected for six years [illegible] will be [illegible] to kill off [illegible] laughters of men and brothers [illegible] against you at the poll and still have a year's time to fix matters for your re-election It is [illegible] Others have done it Why not you

Instead of raising the janitor's salary from $1 [illegible] to $150 per month take [illegible] and invest it in [illegible] safe and sane [illegible] Send for the stovepipe [illegible] they will come give you meals and think [illegible] will make each one of you a present of an oil stove—one of these little kind that you can take [illegible] your hel[illegible] when you [illegible] Bible on retiring

[illegible] your own true interests [illegible] under the [illegible]

SESSION OF COURT HELD BEFORE JUDGE VAN SWEARINGEN

Equity Suit of L M Cooper and Others Against the Monongahela Railroad Company Heard

UNIONTOWN Dec 15—A session of court was held this morning with Judge Van Swearingen on the bench to hear the equity suit of L M Cooper and Ezra D Dunn against the Monongahela railroad The plaintiffs recently secured a preliminary injunction restraining the railroad from cutting off a private road leading from the Monongahela river to their mill.

The case was still being heard when court adjourned at noon Joseph Glenn and L C Sterling were appointed Auditors for Masontown borough A divorce was granted Daisy R Wood from Frank L Wood on the grounds of desertion

In the divorce case of G A Lynch against Myrtle Lynch the libellant was served with a rule to show cause why he should not pay the respondent $100 counsel fee

In the case of A D Klause and Nellie Klause against Edwin Weaver the rule was made absolute to quash the attachment for $77 50 against the defendant

A rule was issued on the defendant in the suit of I L Messmore against J C Beatty administrator of the estate of Joseph Beatty to show cause why judgment should not be entered for want of an affidavit of defense

KILLED FATHER GOES FREE.

Raymer Sutton Who Shot in Defense of Mother Acquitted

Raymer Sutton the former Uniontown boy who shot and killed his father William H Sutton, at their home in West Philadelphia last summer was acquitted of the charge of homicide before Judge Stikes on Friday

The evidence showed that the shot which killed the elder Sutton was really fired at random The boy was called in the middle of the night from his room by shrieks for help from his mother whom her husband then in [illegible] was pursuing with a razor [illegible] interposed to protect his mother and the father, in a rage turned upon him The boy who is 19 [illegible] down the stairs and fired a shot [illegible] over his shoulder The shotgun he had brought from his room The father fell mortally wounded Young Sutton now makes his home in Uniontown

Order For Petition

Orphans Court Judge J C Work Thursday made an order for the petition of the estate of Martha Mullen The petition for the partition was presented by Marion Mullen Thomas [illegible] of Connellsville The property consists of a [illegible] and lot in Connellsville The petition was contested by Mary [illegible] and John Mullen of Dunbar the only other parties interested in the [illegible]

Opposes Central Banking Plan

WASHINGTON D C Dec 18—(Special)—Declaring himself positively opposed to a central bank Secretary of the Treasurer MacVeagh in his annual report to Congress today [illegible] strong [illegible] for the immediate [illegible] currency measure based upon [illegible] of the Aldrich Monetary Commission

Died on His Birthday

SCOTTDALE Dec 18—(Special) Clarke Weddle son of Contractor and Mrs George Blackburn of Walnut Hill died of typhoid fever at the Mt Pleasant hospital yesterday Deceased was aged 19 years and died on his birthday

Will of John Carter

The will of John Carter of Everson dated December 7 1911 was probated Thursday Letters of administration were granted to John R Byrne The bulk of the estate is left to his sisters and children Mary Fisher is given $1

RETAILER BLAMED BY TARIFF BOARD

For the High Cost of Woolen Goods Under Payne Tariff.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW

Man's Suit Sold by Wholesaler at $16.50, Which Cost $14 32 to Manufacture is Sold by the Retailer at $23—The First Cost of Wool High

WASHINGTON D C Dec. 20—Declaring many of the schedules in the Payne-Aldrich tariff to be prohibitive the report of the Tariff Board on wool was submitted to Congress today by the President

As to the difference in cost of production at home and abroad it sets forth that in nearly every woolen product from the dirty fleece up to the finished worsted cloth it costs much more to produce wool and woolen goods in America than in any other country on earth It costs 19 cents to raise a pound of wool in Ohio and in Australia considerable less than four cents. These differences continue throughout the woolen industry While American labor is much higher paid than in Europe, the Board finds that it is not as efficient as that in European mills. About one dollar in every four paid to the retailer of mens clothing goes to the manufacturer of the cloth A suit retailing for $23 is sold at wholesale by the manufacturer for $16 50. It costs him $14 32 Thus in general the manufacturer of cloth and clothing is absolved by the Board from the greater part of profit in the high cost of clothing, and it is attributed to the retailer

The Board states, however that the high duties on wool have not resulted in retail prices as high as might be expected. Competition has kept prices down. This competition was stimulated when the high duties made woolen manufacture very profitable. Then foreign capital came in and built mills For all woolen entries the Board recommends specific duties instead of the present method of assessing ad valorem rates. The ad valorem system makes duties high when prices are high and the consumer most needs relief although the producer is best able to bear competition. When prices are low and the consumer has need of foreign competition then under the ad valorem system duties are low and the foreign competition comes in

The Board advocates specific duties as the best and easiest way to offset the difference in cost of production here and abroad Because of the difficulty in classifying fabrics however the Board recommends a combination specific and ad valorem duty on woolen cloths a low ad valorem rate on cheap goods increasing to the highest rates of expensive goods. Exactly the reverse of the policy adopted by the framers of the Payne Aldrich tariff

Experts for the Board studied wool growing in Australia. South America South Africa, Great Britain and other European countries and in 173 counties in 19 States in this country

The report reads

The result of the raw wool investigation establishes the fact that it costs more to grow wool in the United States than in any other country that the Merino wools required in such great volume by our mills are the most expensive of all wools produced that the highest average cost of production of such wool in the world is in the States of Ohio and contiguous territory and that the lowest average cost on similar wool is Australia

Deducting the proceeds from the sales of lambs and mutton which usually balance the expense of the flock the average cost of fine Merino wool in the United States is 19 cents per pound The entire wool crop—fine and coarse wools—costs nine and one half cents a pound to produce In South America the cost is between four and five cents The Australasian costs are considerably below the South American.

The report says The present duty of 33 cents per pound on scoured wool is prohibitive preventing effectually the importation of clean low priced foreign wools of the lower grades that would be exceedingly useful in the manufacture of woolens in this country and if so used might displace in large measure the cheap substitutes now so frequently employed in that industry

The Payne Aldrich law bases its raw wool duties on the assumption that greasy wool when cleaned shrinks an average of two thirds This shrinkage allowance is much too high the board finds The average shrinkage of imported wools is about 48 per cent and of all domestic wools between 50 and 60 per cent. The rate on wool waste rags and shoddy are called prohibitive and the report states that the present tariff practically excludes from importation all tops and yarns except the most expensive worsted yarns

The same is true it says of low grade wool and cloth for mens wear A considerable quantity of the fine and expensive fabrics are imported In the fiscal year 1911 these did not constitute three per cent of the total consumption of the United States

The report then discusses the relative merits of specific duties levied on weight and of valorem duties These duties are applied in combinations to fabrics and the result is that on cheap goods the Payne Aldrich specific duties is sometimes in excess of the total value of raw material on the basis of cost of production in this country 'Consequently the board says, the nominal duty on certain cheap fabrics if imported—which is impossible under the existing duty—is commonly as high as 150 per cent ad valorem and in some cases even over 200 per cent Much of the objection to the present compensatory duty as excessive would be removed by putting the duty on wool on the scoured (or cleaned) basis instead of on the grease pound The duty in that case would be adjusted to the actual wool

But prices in this country have not been increased by the full amount of these prohibitive duties, the Board finds.

The Board says that goods assessed at from 150 to 300 per cent and there by prohibited were sold in this country at a price only 50 to 80 per cent higher than similar goods abroad This is the result of domestic competition it says

At the present time says the report the industry in general is on a competitive basis

DIRECTORS MEET

In Their Annual Convention at Uniontown Wednesday

UNIONTOWN Dec 20—(Special) The annual meeting of the Fayette County School Directors Association convened this morning in the Municipal building Uniontown, with directors present from all over the county The meeting opened at 9 o clock Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev Charles R Harmon Reports of the delegates to the State convention were given by David E Bane Esq Attorney F E Younkin spoke on School Grounds and Buildings A general discussion followed Dr J H Hazlett of Vanderbilt spoke on Books Furniture and School Supplies

Thursday afternoon the directors will be special guests at the institute occupying seats on the stage at the Grand Opera House This evening and tomorrow evening they will be admitted to the evening entertainments Chairs will be arranged on the stage for them Dr R T Gribble is president of the association

The Teachers Institute is in full swing and all teachers present are taking a great interest in the different sessions This morning s session was opened by Rev J B Risk pastor of the Uniontown Methodist Episcopal church A vocal solo was rendered by Dr C C Ellis and a music drill was conducted by Harry Maxwell Dr Robert A Armstrong spoke on The Best Seller The speakers for this afternoon are Dr H B Davis and John L Gunckel This evening Dr J Everist Cathell will lecture on Abraham Lincoln

STEEL COMPANY HEADS

Hold Meeting in New York and Price Advances Are Rumored

NEW YORK Dec 20—The regular monthly meeting of the presidents of the United States Steel subsidiaries was held here yesterday and brought together practically all the heads of the subordinate concerns including the Illinois Steel Company Carnegie Steel Company American Sheet & Tinplate Company H C Frick Coke Company and National Tube Company

No formal statement was issued at the conclusion of the meeting The trade outlook for the coming year came in for considerable discussion The matter of prices was gone over with intimations that an advance in several products including sheet steel may be announced before the end of the year

Chairman Gary of the parent company did not attend the meeting of the subsidiary presidents the proceedings of which it was declared, were almost entirely routine

Thomas Lynch president of the H C Frick Coke Company Alva C Dinkey president of the Carnegie Steel Company W O Shilling president of the National Tube Company and G J Buffington president of the Illinois Steel Company were among those present at the hearing

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAIN OVER SOUTHWEST BRANCH THIS WEEK

Christmas Shipments Being Taken Care of on Pennsylvania by Special Service

The extra holiday express business along the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad is being taken care of this week by a special train composed of express cars only The train is handling much of the express business for Greensburg in addition to the Connellsville and Uniontown shipments

The train goes south through here about 8 30 each morning and returns about 10 o clock The northbound trip is not particularly heavy but the cars are well filled coming south each morning The Adams Express Company is getting sufficient business for Connellsville Uniontown Scottdale and intermediate points to warrant operating the special as it would have been impossible to take care of the traffic under the regular schedule

BOY WARNS TOWN OF FIRE

Blaze in Bentleyville Church Parsonage Announced by Bells.

WASHINGTON Pa Dec 19—(Special)—The parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bentleyville was partly destroyed by fire last evening The Rev J S Allison and wife who occupy the parsonage were absent from home at the time the fire was discovered by Earl Grutt a 12 year old boy The boy ran to the belfry and tolled the church bell which attracted nearly half the residents of the town A bucket brigade fought the flames which were confined to the first floor The loss is estimated at $2 000

DRIVING HORSE INJURED

M J Roland s Animal Ran Splinter in Leg in Stall

M J Roland s fine driving horse met with an accident a few days ago which it is feared may prove fatal The animal is of a very frisky nature and the supposition is that it was making an effort to climb up on the manger when it met with the injury A piece of wood which projects from the stall penetrated the fleshy part of one of its front legs and as a result the animal is suffering from an ugly cut The best of attention is being given the horse and every possible effort is being made to save the animal s life

Socialists Pick Oklahoma

CHICAGO Dec 20—(Special) The Socialist Party will hold its national convention in Oklahoma City beginning May 12 1912 according to an announcement today from the Socialist national headquarters A referendum vote was taken

Report That There Isn't Any Santa Claus Branded as False by Mr. Claus Himself.

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"Isn't any Santa Claus" said little Johnny Lee.
He told my sister so, told it, too, to me
Now, no one can fool us, and we never shall forget—
John's a story teller—Santa's here, you bet!

WEST SIDE HILL TO BE PAVED SOMETIME

Council Lets the Contract and Will Say When the Work is to Start.

PLAN PROJECTS A DISCUSSION

Hazlett Sewer Dispute May Be Settled Sometime in the Near Future Committee to Estimate Cost—Stoners Plans Are Almost Ready

Council let the contract for paving the West Side hill to O Connor & Madigan last night but when the work is to start will be decided by the Street Committee This plan suggested by Councilman Kooser projected a warm discussion Kooser s resolution was to have the work start when the weather is favorable and the hill has dried off Councilman William McCormick argued the contractors had figured high calculating the work would be more difficult at this time than later and insisted that work should be started as soon as practicable The majority members of Council figured the grading would be more expensive if started at this time of the year but McCormick disputed this proposition He insisted that if the work was to be held over the contract should not be let By a vote of eight to seven President Millard breaking the tie the matter was left up to the Street Committee

The successful bidders estimated 50 cents for grading 60 cents for curbing 50 cents for backing stone and $1 50 per square yard for paving any kind of brick being specified J J Flynn the only other bidder asked 80 cents for grading 60 cents for curbing 50 cents for backing stone and $1 75 for paving using Layton brick He also specified $50 for sewer drops as required

Councilman W A Bishop brought up the matter of the Hazlett sewer expressing belief it should be purchased by the borough It was explained by Councilmen Friel Hays and others that Hazlett was too indefinite regarding his ideas as to the value of the sewer Council voted to have the Borough Engineer estimate the value of the sewer and find out its original cost from other sources The resolution passed but the members continued to rehearse the question from beginning to end and back again

Chairman C M Stoner is whipping his automobile chemical hook and ladder hose wagon estimates into shape and announced he would probably be ready to report in full at the next meeting

After the minutes had been read Jacob Wildy brought before Council the matter of the street which was opened in Snydertown by tearing down some fences President Millard did not understand the exact situation and gained little light from his cross-examination finally putting the matter up to the Borough Solicitor the Borough Engineer and the Street Committee This is only one of several complaints which have resulted from opening an abandoned street in that section last summer

Council voted for the Finance Committee to meet Friday evening and pay the borough employes their Christmas money

A resolution was passed without comment establishing the curb line along the east side of Beech street

An arc light was directed to be placed at the corner of Sampson street and the Bixler road Connellsville upon petition being presented by property owners of that section

The ordinance for paving Church Place from Prospect street to Mountain alley passed first reading No petition will be secured for this work

The clerk was directed to notify a number of property owners to repair sidewalks along East Main street and East Fairview avenue where repairs are badly needed and will be welcomed by pedestrians

THE EQUIPMENT

Necessary For Western Maryland Connection Is Made Public

Equipment requirements of the Western Maryland railway when it joins up with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie at Connellsville have been made public by President Robertson He said that specifications for these needs are being prepared and bids for the work will soon be asked from several big manufacturing concerns

The company wants 15 consolidation freight locomotives 11 Pacific passenger locomotives 500 freight cars of various designs and 35 passenger coaches including mail express and baggage cars The total cost will be between $3 000 000 and $4 000 000 It will place the Western Maryland in good shape with rolling stock and engines as the company has been cutting closely for these needs for some months

The contracts will be awarded so that deliveries can be made in the spring and summer President Robertson says it is not expected that the new line will be in operation much before March 1

Echo of Harwick Disaster

Mrs Selwyn H Taylor widow of the engineer who lost his life in the Harwick mine some years ago while attempting rescue of imprisoned men has sued executors of his estate for an accounting It seems that the estate was in a much complicated condition and in order to straighten out obliquities a suit was necessary to secure an adjustment equitable to all parties concerned The estate was appraised at $1 00 000 but there were contingent claims which involved much trouble in adjustment

Railroad Man Hurt

Archie Smith an employe of the P & L E railroad at the Dickerson Run car shops was hurt while at work on Saturday With other employes he was unloading lumber and timber A timber about eight by ten fell on Smith inflicting painful but not serious injuries.

FALLS UNDER WHEELS; FIREMAN LOSES LIFE

Ben Stineman Fatally Injured When He Missed Footing Last Night.

TRIED TO BOARD P. R. R. FREIGHT

Baltimore & Ohio Employe Intended Riding to Scottdale When He Fell Beneath Pusher—Lost Much Blood Before Aid Came

Ben Stineman an extra fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was fatally injured on Tuesday along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Meadow Lane when he missed his footing while attempting to board a moving freight train and had an arm and a leg ground off by the wheels of the pushing engine Stineman lives at Scottdale and having just come off his run was trying to board the train and ride home

Dr H J Coll was summoned quickly as possible but Stineman had already lost so much blood that at one time it was believed he would die before he could be taken to the hospital

Despite his injuries and loss of blood he retained consciousness He at first declined to take a stimulant

I don t want that stuff he insisted He was finally persuaded to swallow it owing to his weakened condition By the light of a railroad lantern Dr Coll proceeded to administer first aid treatment while waiting for the ambulance Stineman exhibited an interest in the first aid work Turning to one of the group about him he said

Tell me he pleaded is my arm off?

The men averted their faces not having courage to tell the man how badly he was wounded The right arm was completely severed from the body while it was necessary to amputate the right leg at the hospital It was 10 o clock when he died

The body was taken to Scottdale this morning by Undertaker J I Murphy of that place Stineman was 4 years old and single

Western Maryland Tonnage

The shipments of bituminous coal over the West Virginia division of the Western Maryland railway during October amounted to 89 5 8 gross tons and those over the Georges Creek & Cumberland line were 8 342 tons making a total of 18 530 tons for the Western Maryland system For the four months from July 1st the tonnage shipped over the West Virginia division amounted to 72 555 tons and that over the Georges Creek & Cumberland line amounted to 103 61 tons a total of 526 319 tons

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Youth Crushed by Cars

CUMBERLAND Md Dec 19—James G Blaine White aged 20 years son of Capt Harmon H White a well known Union veteran was killed early yesterday morning in the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yards here While shifting he fell beneath the cars Young White was but recently married to Miss Celia Murray

DOUBLE TROUBLE

For Nicholas Spielberg When Somerset Wife Goes to Detroit.

DETROIT Mich Dec 19—(Special)—Nicholas Spielberg an attorney arrested by police on admissions made by his 17 year old stenographer is now being held on a serious charge preferred by a young woman from Somerset Pa who claims to be Spielberg s lawful wife The young wife arrived in Detroit Monday morning accompanied by her father Emil Lipscher distiller The father demanded an interview with Spielberg who nearly fainted when his irate father in law confronted him

You cur cried the father in law as he peered at Spielberg through the bars It is lucky for you that never caught you in my house or I would have put a couple of bullets in your worthless hulk

Spielberg cringed and did not attempt to reply After a short talk with Capt. Alphonse Baker the father and daughter went to the prosecutor s office and the to police court where a warrant was taken out According to the story told by the Somerset girl and her father Spielberg though rather repulsive looking seems to exercise hypnotic influence over women and girls

He tricked my daughter and hypnotized my wife said the father took a dislike to him the first time I met him and warned my family not to entertain him in the house but they did so despite my wishes Spielberg is a smooth talker and he gives one the impression that he is a great man He never fooled me however

In Somerset the lawyer posed as a prosperous lawyer with an extensive practice in Wheeling W Va He has relatives living in Somerset and through them he gained introductions to several girls in that town At a relatives wedding he made the acquaintance of Esther Lipscher He professed to be very much in love with the girl He was a frequent caller at the Lipscher home and in some way got into the good graces of the girl s mother

AFFIDAVITS SENT

To South Dakota to Secure Somerset Woman a Pension

SOMERSET Dec 20—(Special) Clerk of the Orphans Court Bert F Landis today forwarded to pension attorneys at Oelrichs South Dakota several affidavits upon which Mrs Elnora Hurley Tayman of that State widow of the late George H Tayman of Somerset will base her claim for a widow s pension

The procedure necessary in Mrs Tayman s case is unusually complex as she is located so far from the source of the information required in her application for a pension but several of her deceased husband s army comrades are co operating with Clerk Landis are lending valuable assistance

The affidavits were sworn to by Veteran Herman Cunningham and Solomon Lenhart who served in the same company in the Civil War with George H Tayman—Company A 10th Pennsylvania Reserves The affidavits were required to declare that they had known both Mr and Mrs Tayman prior to their marriage and that they had not been divorced Mrs Tayman s maiden name was Hurley she having come to Somerset as a nurse in the George Chorpening family

Comrade Cunningham distinctly recalls of having been present at the Hurley Tayman wedding back in 1865 which was solemnized at Somerset in a tavern conducted by the late Daniel Flick opposite the residence of the late George Chorpening

While Veterans Cunningham and Lenhart were dictating what should be embodied in their affidavits today they became reminiscent of war days Their company was composed of 100 men only 15 of whom are still living Three of the 15—A H Huston and the Messers Cunningham and Lenhart—reside in Somerset

CALENDAR SEASON AT HAND; BANKS PRINCIPAL DONORS

Some of Them Are Being Delivered and Others Can Be Had by Calling Around

This is the open season for calendars The banks as usual are the principal donors and considerable rivalry is manifested in the handsome artistic designs being presented their patrons Some of the banks are delivering the calendars to their customers while others have issued cards entitling the bearer to get one of the souvenirs by applying for it

The calendars are not limited to the banks however Many of the stores are participating in the dissemination of them and the insurance agencies are not far behind either

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Of Mrs Catherine Herbert Celebrated at Stauffer Home

In honor of her 74th birthday anniversary Mrs Catherine Herbert was tendered a very enjoyable surprise party Monday evening at her home at Stauffer Eleven of her women friends were present and spent a very delightful evening At a late hour a dainty luncheon was served and at a late hour the guests departed for their respective homes

The guests were Mrs Lydia McFadden Mrs C F Ice Mrs J I Keffer Mrs A Fleck Mrs James McJunkin Mrs Marshall Stauffer Mrs J H Boyer Mrs Robert Bell Mrs M J Bixler Mrs N Lebhard and Mrs W B Stauffer

Tim Donovan Fired

PITTSBURG Dec 20—(Special) Tim Donovan for four years secretary of District No of the United Mine Workers was dismissed for violating the district constitution on December It was learned today Tim is now digging coal in the Monongahela Black Diamond mine

ACCUSED MINISTER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Rev. Richeson Stabs Himself With Jagged Tin in Boston Jail.

HIS RECOVERY IS IN DOUBT

Accused Murderer of Avis Linnell Found Bleeding in His Cell Early Wednesday—Efforts at Secrecy by the Authorities Failed

BOSTON Dec 20—The Rev Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson former pastor of the ultra fashionable Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge held charged with the murder of pretty Avis Linnell attempted suicide at 2 30 this morning He may not recover

He stabbed himself in the groin with a piece of tin just as his guards were changing He was rushed to the prison hospital in a critical condition

There is no escape from confession but suicide once declared Daniel Webster in a famous murder trial and suicide is confession

Richeson is not known to have confessed Many believe his attempt at suicide was impelled by a conscience which gave him no rest Efforts were made to prevent the news of the attempted suicide from becoming known Richeson was found in his cell in a pool of blood writhing with pain He was carried immediately into the hospital ward and all the guards and attendants were sworn to secrecy

The story leaked out late in the morning when a short term prisoner who had seen the wounded man on his way to the hospital went to a newspaper office and told the information It was denied by the prison officials but even as they were denying it there came ringing through the prison corridors Richeson wild voice

My God I m dying he shrieked again and again

It was only then that the officials would confirm the story Medical examiners for the county and a number of physicians were hurried to the jail to attend to Richeson s injuries They declared the wound would not have been inflicted by a normal minded man

The wound is of such a nature as to cause Richeson s condition to be critical Blood poisoning may develop at any time The attempt at suicide was planned with fiendish ingenuity How Richeson secured the pieces of jagged tin may never be known but it is believed he picked them up secretly while taking exercise in the bull pen

The night guard and those for the early morning hours are changed at 3 A M The night guards paid little attention to Richeson because he has been an ideal prisoner The relief guards heard moans coming from his cell

What have you done" demanded the warden

I have cut myself and am bleeding to death replied Richeson now thoroughly alarmed despite his desperate attempt to kill himself The prison heads found him suffering torture He was hurried to the hospital and an anesthetic administered The wound was examined and an operation decided upon Drs Brough Ames Sargent and Lathrop assisting

Jailer Nicholls said this afternoon that Richeson did not try to kill himself but attempted mutilation in a frenzy caused by brooding over his connection with the Linnell murder

At 1 o clock the physicians stated that barring possible complications there is little doubt but that the man will recover The weapon with which the wound was inflicted had been prepared with cunning The piece of tin was ground to a sharp edge on the cement floor of the cell It evidently took several days to finish this

District Attorney Pelletier said that Richeson s trial would probably be January 15 as originally scheduled Philip R Dunbar and William A Morse counsel for Richeson had been notified of the attempt Later word to John L Lee of Lynchburg Va lawyer for the defense Neither of the attorneys would make a statement

C. E WOODS CANDIDATE

For the Vacant Post as Ambassador to Brazil

WASHINGTON D C Dec 19—Cyrus E Woods of Greensburg has become a candidate for the appointment as United States Ambassador to Brazil and it is understood that he stands a good chance of receiving the appointment He has been endorsed by Senators Penrose and Oliver President Taft and Secretary of State Knox are known to be considering his name in connection with the post at Rio de Janeiro The place is now vacant Ambassador Irving F Dudley having been transferred a few weeks ago while on leave in this country The salary is $17 500 the same as that paid the Ambassadors to England France Germany Italy and other European countries Next to the big European embassies Brazil is considered one of the most desirable places in the diplomatic service

Mr Woods served in the Pennsylvania Senate from 1901 to 1908 and he is now general counsel of the Pittsburg Coal Company He is said to have the influence back of him besides political backing He has been in Washington for several days recently securing endorsements for the appointment

Injuries Prove Fatal

Thomas Kilgallon aged 60 a well known resident of McKeesport is dead from injuries sustained when he was struck by a B & O train at that place Friday last He is survived by three brothers Dennis and Martin of McKeesport and Lawrence of Youngstown O and four sisters Mrs James McKenna Mrs Charles Kernan Mrs John McCarty all of McKeesport and Mrs John Driscoll of Connellsville He was a member of St Peter s Catholic Church of McKeesport.

RURAL SCHOOLS GET A HARD RAP

Speaker at Dunbar Farmers' Institute Criticises Them

FROM FARMERS' VIEWPOINT

Says They Are Not as Good Now as They Were Fifty Years Ago—Simply Training Schools For Young Girls to Teach Lichty Says

The first of the series of Farmers' Institutes to be held in Fayette county this winter was held at Dunbar this week. The first day's program Monday was largely attended. The sessions were held in the Presbyterian church. County Chairman T H Smith presided at the opening yesterday and is in the chair again today. Following the opening exercises there was prayer and a welcome address by J M Burhans of Dunbar. L W Lichty of East Berlin, Adams county, responded.

The first talk of vital interest to the farmers was an address by Prof J B Berry of State College. He gave an able talk on Posts and Farm Timbers. Prof H R Fulton followed in a talk on Potato Blight, a topic of great interest to those present. He advanced many theories and suggestions for controlling this plant disease.

Hon A L Martin of Harrisburg, Director of Institutes for the State of Pennsylvania, then made his first appearance among the farmers of Fayette county. It was a surprise to the management of the Institute for Mr Martin had not been expected. It is seldom that any of the Institutes are accorded a visit from the head of this work in the State since the duties of Director keep Mr Martin at Harrisburg practically all of his time. He delivered a general talk on farming which was much appreciated.

Several fine selections on the piano were rendered by Miss Kathryn Williams during the afternoon session. Another feature of the Institute was a fine display of apples corn and vegetables with a pen of chickens owned by John Wishart. Among those who received honorable mention in the show room were Simpson Mitchell fine apples and corn; A C Oglevee, apples; Al Critchfield, beets; Barnhart, Swearingen and Jenks, corn.

Miss Williams opened the evening session with a piano solo. The Rural School as It Should Be" was discussed by L W Lichty of East Berlin Pa. Mr Lichty is one of the greatest farm educators in the State and a writer of note on agricultural topics. He discussed the rural schools entirely from the farmer's point of view and some of his comments were most interesting. Mr Lichty declared that our rural schools are not as efficient as they were 50 years ago because then the boys were each taught a trade that would be useful to them. Now it is nothing but books and all one can hear on the streets is the query "Have you passed your exams?" In place of giving the boys a character and a trade besides this book learning the United States is away behind Germany and other countries, and we must awaken to this fact. Mr Lichty said "We have been educating our boys and girls away from the farm." He said that the farmer is to blame for allowing our schools to use the old grain cradle methods when we might use selfbinder methods that we ought to do away with these little old cross road school houses that shelter only a half dozen pupils and centralize our schools and give our boys a good chance.

Our country schools are simply the training school of a lot of little girls to learn to teach and when they begin to be some account as a teacher the town takes them. Mr Lichty concluded.

After a fine rendering of "Comrades at Arm" by a double male quartette with Miss William at the piano, Hon J S Carroll talked on the new School Code.

FRED W. ENOS KILLED BY STORM IN HONDURAS

Word Received by Members of Family at Charleroi—Spent His Boyhood in Connellsville

Word was received here Monday of the death of Fred W Enos, a former Connellsville resident. On Monday morning a report was received in Charleroi that Mr Enos had lost his life in a storm in Celiic, Honduras, Central America. The report is no doubt correct as Mr Enos was located in Central America when last heard from by his mother Mr J B Enos who resides in Charleroi. Mr Enos is a nephew of Mrs Henry Kurtz and J Edgar Enos of Connellsville and Mrs J K Teggart of Silver City New Mexico.

He was a son of Dr J B Enos deceased, a practising physician in Connellsville for a number of years and Theresa Nickle Enos. His mother was a daughter of the late Dr John Nickle. Deceased was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and for some time worked on the Panama canal. He was about 34 years old and in addition to his mother is survived by one brother Dr J Clive Enos of Charleroi. He was well known in Connellsville where he spent his boyhood.

Fish Fry Limited

HARRISBURG Pa Dec 16—A new system of distribution of fish fry by the State Fisheries Department became effective today and no fry will be distributed next year unless asked for in accordance with applications prepared by the fish commissioner. The suggestion is made by the commissioner in a notice issued today that clubs and individuals desiring fish for the same stream should combine in order that the distribution may be checked up and best results obtained.

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PERRY SCHROCK DEAD

Was An Old Resident of Milford Township Somerset County

Perry Schrock aged 65 one of the best known residents of Milford township Somerset county died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained some weeks ago. Mr Schrock was a native of Upper Turkeyfoot township, removing with with his parents to Milford township thirty-two years ago.

Perry Schrock was a son of the late Andrew and Susan (Younkin) Schrock. He was married to Christina Dumbauld a daughter of the late Jonathan Dumbauld of Milford township. Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: G Newton Schrock of Somerset, John L Schrock of Pulphton, Susan wife of Charles Flanegan of Confluence, Albert A Schrock of Pittsburg, Cora wife of Charles O Sechler of Milford township, Elizabeth wife of George B Dull, of Milford township, Charles E Schrock of Somerset, Harry B Schrock of Jefferson township, Jennie, wife of Harry E Wilhelm of Clearfield Pa., and Dr Edward Schrock of St Louis Mo. He is also survived by one brother Ephraim Schrock of Kingwood.

Funeral services were conducted at Kingwood this afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev W J Umstead a Church of God minister. Interment in the Kingwood cemetery.

MRS. LYDIA A. CARSON DIES AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS

Aged 73 Years and Had a Wide Circle of Friends in Scottdale and Vicinity—Funeral Arrangements

Following a lingering illness Mrs Lydia A. Carson, aged 73 years died this morning at the home of her daughter Mrs L M Santmyer on Murphy avenue of complication of diseases. She had been ill for the past several years.

Mrs Carson was born in Uniontown and before her marriage was Miss Lydia Watson. Her husband William Carson died over two years ago. Mrs Carson spent about 18 years of her married life at Scottdale and about five years ago she came to Connellsville to make her home with her daughter Mrs Santmyer. Her death was not unexpected. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Scottdale but since coming to Connellsville she was unable to attend church regularly on account of her poor health. She had quite a wide circle of friends in Scottdale and Connellsville. In addition to her daughter Mrs Santmyer she is survived by the following children J M Carson of Scottdale, B L Carson of Star Junction, Harry Carson of Pittsburg and Mrs Mary Kelly of New York. One sister Mrs Margaret Wheeler of Dunbar also survives.

Services from the Santmyer residence Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

LAWRENCE DONEGAN NAMED TO SUCCEED SQUIRE CLARK

Commission For Two Years Has Been Mailed to Uniontown and Mr Donegan Will Shortly Qualify

As stated exclusively in The Daily Courier on Monday Lawrence Donegan has been appointed Justice of the Peace in Connellsville for two years to succeed Squire W I Clark. The commission has been mailed to the Register and Recorder's office at Uniontown where Mr Donegan will qualify and lift the commission. He will establish an office shortly in a convenient location down town.

Squire Clark stated again Tuesday that he will begin proceedings at once to retain his office on the grounds that he with the other borough officers holds over until the new third class city government goes into effect.

THE HONOR ROLL

At the Star Junction Public Schools For the Fourth Month

The Honor Roll of the Star Junction schools for the month ending December 12, is as follows:

Room No 4: Dorothy Jenkins, Harry Lammie, Ralph Bittner. Room No 5: Lena Hughes, 89 per cent; Eva Myers 93; Opal Morrison 92. Room No 6: Albert Johnson 87; John Coleman 87; Mary Gonda 86. Room No 7: Mary Kundla, 94; Mike Fox 93; Charles Buchko 92; Eleanor Knox 92; Ada Ball 91. Room No 8: James Knox 90; Ada Dunham 94; Minnie Flaragin 94; Margaret Hughes 93. Room No 9: Boyd Knox 92; Robert Dunn 92; George Haut 92; Mary Santmeyer 92; Francis Graham 90; Lila Betman 90; Pete Slinocsko 90; Frank Carr 91; John Fox 91. Room No 10: Catherine Dunn 97; Mary Hughes 91, and Nellie Jones 90.

POINT MARION PROTESTS

Against the Proposed Building of the Cheat River Dam

Petitions are being circulated in Point Marion and vicinity protesting against the construction of the proposed Kuhn power dam on Cheat river. It is stated that hundreds of the petitions are also being circulated at points down the Monongahela river.

Point Marion people are becoming alarmed over the construction of the proposed dam. It is stated that the petitions are to be filed shortly with the proper West Virginia authorities in an effort to prevent the construction of the dam.

Woman Takes Life

MORGANTOWN W Va Dec 19—(Special)—Mrs W E Harris aged 44 years committed suicide Sunday night at her home near Crawford by plunging her head in a barrel of water. She had been ill for some time and was temporarily deranged. Mrs Harris was the wife of the former owner of the famous Harris bloodhounds of Fairmont.

Family Accidentally Poisoned

CHARLEROI Pa Dec 19—By eating poisonous poke root mixed by accident with horseradish four members of the family of Louis Harawarth of 815 Shady avenue were poisoned. They are pronounced out of danger.

THREATENED CHIEF WITH FIERY ACID

Grif Ash Said He Intended Taking it Himself When Officer Interferes.

MADE A STIR ABOUT CITY HALL

First Attempted a Dash for Freedom Which Came to Naught—Left Town Last Night to Avoid Further Prosecution

Making a futile effort to escape from the officers announcing his intention of drinking carbolic acid and then threatening to pour the vitriolic fluid over Chief of Police Hetzel, Griffin Ash furnished a strenuous half hour or so at City Hall Monday night. He kept the officers busy during all that time.

Monday afternoon Ash was arrested on board a West Penn car as he was headed towards Scottdale. Chief Hetzel served him with a borough warrant charging fighting, his brother James being the informant. Ash gave the Chief $5 to guarantee his appearance last evening.

Contrary to expectations Ash reported at City Hall on schedule time. He was in a bad humor and began berating Burgess J L Evans claiming his arrest was spitework. The Burgess ordered him locked up. As Chief Hetzel was opening the iron door to the cell department Grif bolted but was caught in the hallway because he could not open the front door quick enough and was overtaken by the Chief.

Safely within the cells Grif burst forth in more strenuous abuse of the Burgess and officers. His employer came to see him and quieted him to some extent.

He's got a bottle of carbolic acid the man told Chief Hetzel.

The Chief and Officer William Stoner went back to the cell department and started to search Ash. Before they could find the bottle Ash had whipped it out.

"Look out I'm going to take it," he warned.

Chief Hetzel made a swipe at the bottle with his mace but missed.

"Stand back or I'll throw it in your face," shouted Ash.

Chief Hetzel held Ash's overcoat in his hands. He held it up to protect his face then whipped out his revolver and drew a bead on the prisoner.

"Drop the bottle," he commanded.

Ash muttered something about pulling a gun on a helpless prisoner and the bottle crashed to the cement floor of the cell department breaking into pieces. The acid trickled harmlessly about the floor.

Ash's misbehavior was reported to the District Attorney and from Uniontown came orders for Grif to get out of the county and stay out unless he cares to face the court once more. He agreed to leave and started north on the 8 30 car.

BOROUGH SUIT IS HEARD IN COURT

Testimony Taken on Tuesday in Final Round of the Action.

TO MAKE ARGUMENTS LATER

Judge Van Swearingen Occupied the Bench While Resolutions of Council and Other Data Was Presented. Shelby and Morrow for Borough

UNIONTOWN Dec 19—The equity suit instituted by James H Yates, George A Washington and Joseph Beucher against the Borough of Connellsville was heard before Judge Van Swearingen this morning. The case occupied but a short time as few witnesses were examined. Borough Clerk A O Bixler was on the stand for some time while the minutes of Council and other figures were submitted. The testimony will be transcribed and arguments made later.

This is the final step in the suit which was brought to block the erection of a new hose house. The preliminary injunction was dissolved after a hearing had been held and counsel for the borough expects the equity suit will be dismissed. Borough Attorney S Ray Shelby appeared for the borough along with Attorney S John Morrow. Attorney John Duggan Jr represented the plaintiffs with Attorney L C Hughes appearing for the Connellsville Construction Company also named as defendant having been awarded the contract for building the structure.

Samuel W Hershaw was appointed to survey a lot in Brownsville being disputed in the suit of C C Carlet's against Ida B Burd.

Cornell Metz was named auditor of Belleverno borough. I C Jeffries was elected in 1910 but was since chosen a member of the School Board and resigned as an Auditor.

A petition was filed for the vacation of part of the old Junkers Ridge road in Wharton township.

Borough Solicitor S Ray Shelby for Uniontown borough filed two grade crossing petitions against the Pennsylvania railroad. The hearing will be held January 2.

James H Golden convicted of desertion and non support was directed to pay his wife $2 a week. Joseph Steele on a similar charge was sentenced to pay his wife $2.50 a week. Court then adjourned until Thursday.

Able to Leave Hospital

Mrs W F Gaus who was operated on for a tumor several weeks ago at the South Side hospital will be able to leave the institution in a few days.

TRIPLE MURDER

And Attempted Suicide Among Foreigners at Canonsburg Pa

CANONSBURG Pa Dec 19—Three foreigners including a woman were shot to death at 6 o'clock last evening by a foreigner who after the murders fired a bullet into his own stomach and is dying in the City hospital here. The murderer attempted to kill his own daughter but she escaped injury. Two of the persons murdered sheltered the daughter a few days ago when her father is said to have attempted an offense against her. This caused the shooting.

The Dead

MICHAEL NOVAC 45 years old shot in breast died instantly.

MARY NOVAC [illegible] years old, his wife shot in back died instantly.

FRANK STOVANJO 40 years old a boarder in the Novac home shot in breast died in four minutes.

The Wounded

JOHN RUBORICK [illegible] years old a roomer upstairs in the Novac home shot in stomach, believed to be dying in hospital.

The shooting occurred in the Novac home Alexander [illegible] the suburb of the [illegible]. [illegible] found Novac and his wife dead [illegible] 10 year old daughter of the Novacs [illegible] mother and [illegible] old daughter of the man charged with the murder crying in terror outside the house.

OBLIGATIONS DUE W & L. E. MAIN CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Officials Admit Wheeling & Lake Erie Note Occasioned Application For Receiver For the Wabash

ST LOUIS Dec 1—Officials of the Wabash railroad admitted today that a note for $1,807,968 due the Wheeling & Lake Erie in August 1 [illegible] the real thorn in the side of the Wabash and basis for the suit for a receiver filed in the St Louis branch of federal court last night.

The company has been striving hard to set aside enough to cover the fixed charges of the company. Sums due on January 1 amount to $1,290,000. Of this amount $810,000 represents interest due and $480,000 equipment obligations which will have to be taken care of. A large amount still remains to be collected before sufficient is on hand to meet the interest due the first of the year.

On February 1 $53,070 will be due as interest on the Wheeling & Lake Erie note, and inasmuch the net earnings for October decreased 16 per cent and for four months the company appeared to have been running behind fixed charges at the rate of $2,400,000 annually it was thought best to apply for a receiver. The receivers E B Pryne President of the Wabash, E B Pryor Vice president of the road and W K Bixby a [illegible] are considered to be exception[al] able men.

WANT BASEBALL TEAM HERE; NEW LEAGUE IS UNDER WAY

East Liverpool Enthusiast Working to Form an Eight Club Circuit With Low Salary Limit

A A Stra[illegible] on Tuesday received a communication from Attorney G J Travis of East Liverpool O who is interested in the formation of a new baseball league in this section.

Travis and others are working for an eight club circuit with an iron clad $1,700 per month salary limit. Whether Connellsville will get into the organization remains to be seen.

Mr Stra[illegible] this morning stated that a league with a low salary limit to succeed but it did not indicate whether he would interest himself in the matter. Travis is the man who discovered Dutch Myers the former Coke star who is playing fancy ball in the minors even if he didn't hold on with Brooklyn.

P L SHUPE DIES

At Home Near Mt Pleasant Aged 82 Years

P L Shupe father of Dr M B Shupe of town died Tuesday afternoon at his late home near Mt Pleasant. Mr Shupe was one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Westmoreland county and was born and spent all his life on the old Shupe farm where he died. He was born in 182[illegible] having attained the ripe old age of 82 years.

Deceased is survived by his widow and the following sons: Dr M B Shupe of Connellsville, [illegible] Shupe of Pittsburg, William and Clee Shupe both of Scottdale, and Charles Shupe of Homestead.

Negro Shot in Quarrel

LATROBE Dec [illegible]—Charles Williams aged [illegible] a negro of Bradenville is in the hospital with only slight chances of recovery and Curly Brown another negro is in the lockup here awaiting the result of Williams' injuries following a quarrel last evening. The fight occurred in a boarding house in "The Patch" at Bradenville. Brown is alleged to have shot Williams.

Licensed to Wed

Milton Clyde Mickey and Florence May Mahaney both of Connellsville; Michael Boskinsl[illegible] of Mt [illegible] and Lottie Bell [illegible] of Vanderbilt were granted licenses to wed in Cumberland Saturday.

Dissolution Notice

C W RUSH, GEORGE D HOWELL, Attorneys.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF [illegible] Industrial Realty Company in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County at No [illegible] March term 191[illegible]. Notice is hereby given that the Industrial Realty Company filed its petition in said court on December 14th 1911 praying for a decree of dissolution and that the court has fixed the [illegible] day of January 1912 at 10 o'clock A M for hearing said application for dissolution and filing of an account was waived there being no property for dissolution. All persons interested can attend said hearing and show cause if any they have against the granting of the prayer of said petitioner. C W RUSH, GEARGE D HOWELL, Attorneys for Petitioner. dec21 [illegible]

FOREIGNERS MUST PAY TAXES NOW

Assessors are Including Them Under the Guyaux Act of 1911.

POLL TAX IS NOT INCLUDED

But Unnaturalized Residents Are Required to Pay Occupation Tax the Same as Citizens—Will Increase the Revenues

[illegible] the Guyaux act of 1911 [illegible] required to pay [illegible] occupation tax [illegible] with the exception that they [illegible] from any poll tax [illegible].

[illegible]

Assessor [illegible] in speaking of this [illegible] the assessment [illegible] instructions [illegible] and that [illegible] including the foreigners.

[illegible] that the Jews [illegible] it anything more willing to pay taxes than other foreigners. This [illegible] situation in this ward although he [illegible] experienced great difficulty [illegible].

The increased revenues will go to the support of the schools, the maintaining [illegible] and the county. It is expected the income from [illegible] taxes will be considerably greater than in previous years.

Throughout the coke region greatly increased revenues will result [illegible] before the foreigners have not contributed greatly to the support of the [illegible] borough, township or county government [illegible] most of them [illegible] naturalized. All of them must contribute [illegible] the future providing the Assessors do their duty.

Attorney-at-Law

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FAYETTE COUNTY COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded

Martha A [illegible] to Sarah Sumner, October 11 1911, lot in North Union township $1 00.

Ephraim Walters to Lessener Cole, [illegible] December [illegible] 1911, piece of [illegible] Mount [illegible] $[illegible].

William H Sh[illegible] to Charles D Dull August 28 1911 six [illegible] in Springhill township $1.

Samuel C McL[illegible] to Pennsylvania railroad company January [illegible] 1910 three lots in First ward of Uniontown $36 000.

[illegible] to Pennsylvania [illegible] September 13 1911 [illegible] First ward of Uniontown $[illegible].

[illegible] to Pennsylvania [illegible] company August 1 1911 [illegible] lots in First ward Uniontown $[illegible].

[illegible] H [illegible] to [illegible] December 4 1911 [illegible] First ward of Uniontown [illegible].

[illegible] April 11 1911 [illegible] acres of land in Georges township $[illegible].

[illegible] to Louis Cox September [illegible] 1911 [illegible] acre in Washington township $1.

[illegible] to W [illegible] 1911 [illegible] Connellsville $[illegible].

[illegible] Marsh et al to James [illegible] December [illegible] 1911 three lots in North Union township.

Sarah [illegible] to [illegible] November [illegible] 1911 one [illegible] 148 acres land in [illegible] and [illegible].

J [illegible] to George [illegible] November [illegible] 1911 [illegible] in Mason town $1.

[illegible] December [illegible] 1911 [illegible] acres land in Bullskin township $[illegible].

Richard S [illegible] to [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] 000.

[illegible] Malson to Robert H Dunnell September 29, 1911 lot in Connellsville $100.

Charles F Sandusky to Elmer C Eberhart November [illegible] 1911, lot in Springhill township $[illegible] 0.

Wheeler Improvement company to Charles Cutter November 28 1911 two lots in Wheeler Dunbar township $500.

[illegible] Norris to Charles G Wander October 16 1911 lot in Connellsville $[illegible].

Meier Levin to William I Shuster May 10 1910 three acres land in Bullskin township $[illegible] 00.

Peter A Johns sheriff to William [illegible] Nock September 27 1911 [illegible] acres land in Saltlick township $100.

Peter A Johns sheriff to Fremont Girard September 27 1911 lot in Connellsville $2 300.

Hazel R Downs to Harry R. Downs, December 14 1911 the undivided one-half interest in a lot in Uniontown $1.

Charles A Smith and Simeon Stillwell December 4 1911 to the Masontown Building company, lot in Masontown $[illegible] 0.

Hope Stone and Brick company to George H Flynn December 9 1911 [illegible] estate [illegible] rights in Dunbar township $1.

James B Hogg to Maurice Nutter and Joseph B H[illegible] June 24, 1911 three lots in Connellsville $[illegible].

Oliver I Marble and Isadore Frank to James L Cramer October 30 1911, tin North Union township $120.

Greene County Woman Murdered

WAYNESBURG Dec 19—(Special) [illegible] has been received here to the effect that Mrs Harry Antil has been murdered in a remote province of the Philippin Islands. She was a school [teacher] formerly from West Virginia, and her husband was formerly a school teacher in Green county. Her husband formerly taught school in Luz[illegible] [illegible] Two years ago he came to [this] county and taught school for a year when he was married and with his bride returned to the Phillippine. The couple were both engaged in teaching school. The last letter from them was [illegible] October and they [illegible] was well with them.

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WOMEN'S SOCIETIES ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

For the Ensuing Year at Meetings Held on Friday Afternoon.

THE METHODIST MISSIONARY

Society at Their Meeting Hear From Work of Lay Missionary in China Baptist Ladies' Aid Meet Last Evening.

Twenty-eight women including members and several visitors were present at the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church held on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs Worth Kilpatrick on East Main street. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President Mrs R. E Cairns; First Vice President Mrs Lee Miller; Second Vice President Mrs J J Robson; Secretary, Mrs S T Benford; Treasurer Mrs William Murrie; Corresponding Secretary Mrs Lloyd Johnston. The program committee appointed was composed of Miss Martha Babbage, Mrs Lee Miller and Mrs R. E. Cains. The committee will serve for the year. Mrs Caroline Turnbull of Trotter was made a life member without payment of dues.

Mrs Cairns read a letter from Mrs H L Seaman of Westminister Seminary. The letter dealt with How the World Goes to Church." A letter was also read from Charles Heininger, the first and only Methodist Protestant missionary in China, was also read. Mr Heininger is located at Kalgan China. Mrs. Lloyd Johnston read a letter from Mrs J W Gray the nominational President of the Missionary society. The letter was in the form of a plea for aid for Mr Heininger who in connection with his missionary work has taken up medical work, being accompanied on his visits by a Chinese doctor. Refreshments followed the business meeting. The guests of the society were Mrs Jobes, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Pope. Mrs A. A. Smith rendered a piano solo.

The Onward Class of the Methodist Protestant Church met Friday at the home of Mrs. McClain Crossland in the West Side and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President Mrs S T Benford; Vice President Miss Mary Parkhill; Treasurer and Secretary Mrs B C Fair; Chairman of Membership Committee, Mrs. A. S U Morris; Chairman of Social Committee, Mrs Anna McCormick; Chairman of Devotional Committee Miss Beatrice Patterson. It was decided to place a sum of $126 on interest and plans were laid for the raising of $100. A social hour was held and refreshments were served.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. A. A. Wetherell on North Pittsburg street and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs Joseph Dixon; Vice President Mrs F C Rose; Secretary, Mrs S M Jeffries; Assistant Secretary, Mrs H C Humbert; Treasurer Mrs John Jones. The following program followed the business meeting: Piano solo Mrs. A. A Smith; vocal solo Miss Sue Stahl; pianist Mrs E N Stahl; reading Miss Josephine Moser; piano solo, Harold Dull. Following the meeting Mrs. E N. Stahl was given a great surprise when in behalf of the society Mrs Dixon presented her with a very handsome silk dress with trimmings complete. Mrs Stahl is an active worker in the society. She is program leader and last Sunday became church organist. A social hour was held and refreshments were served.

The F O M Class of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School met Friday evening at the home of S U Morris on West Fayette street. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President Roy Hetzel; Vice President Thomas Cunningham; Secretary and Treasurer, S U Morris. Sample Cochran is class leader and Dr G W Gallagher teacher. The meeting was well attended and a very enjoyable social hour followed the business meeting. Luncheon was served.

DESTROY REMNANTS

In the Gardens and Fields Advises Prof H A Surface.

Prof H. A Surface State Zoologist Harrisburg calls attention to the importance of promptly destroying the remnants of garden plants and truck crops at this time of year rather than leaving them in the gardens or fields until spring. If destroyed now many of their pests are destroyed with them. If allowed to remain until spring many of these pests have opportunity to escape.

The vines of potatoes, cucumbers, squash melons etc should be raked together and thrown on dry straw or brush and burned. This gets rid of both the insects and fungous diseases lurking therein. The old asparagus plants should be cut off and burned and straw spread over the asparagus bed and burned thereon at once to get rid of the asparagus beetles and then the soil containing the asparagus roots can be well mulched with a cover or litter of any kind to protect them during the winter.

It is especially important that the stalks of cabbage plants and the imperfect heads should be removed and fed to swine or cattle or kept in storage in a cold place to feed to poultry during the winter. Even the old stalks from which heads have been cut should be removed from the soil and treated as directed above or burned. Several kinds of pests are liable to be found upon these old stubs or the leaves clinging thereto. The best way to destroy them is to feed them to livestock or burn them.

Summer Cars Moved

Several summer cars were taken to Iron Bridge barns yesterday where they will be stored. The Iron Bridge barn will be used for storing unused rolling stock now that it has been abandoned as a crew terminal.

NEW STATE CHAIRMAN.

State Senator W E Crow May Succeed Chairman Henry F Walton.

WASHINGTON D C Dec 15—(Special)—The Pennsylvania delegation to the National Republican convention in Chicago next June will have its headquarters at the Auditorium Hotel. The primary election will be held on April 13 next and the State convention on or about May 15. These were some of the announcements made Thursday by W H Baker, Secretary of the State Republican Committee of Pennsylvania who stopped in Washington en route to Chicago to engage quarters for the Keystone delegation to the convention.

There will be nominated at the April primaries district delegates to the national convention also delegates to the State convention which names candidates to succeed Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck, State Treasurer J Fred Wright and Auditor General A. E Sisson as well as candidates for Congress and members of the Legislature of whom there will be 25 Senators who will vote for the successor of Boies Penrose in the United States Senate.

The state convention in addition to nominating candidates for the three state offices will choose 12 delegates at large to the national convention and 38 presidential electors. Pennsylvania will have 76 delegates in the national convention eight more than four years ago, as the result of the reapportionment.

It is understood among Pennsylvania Republicans in Washington that State Chairman Henry F Walton of Philadelphia will retire. He is prothonotary of the Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia and feels that he has not the time to devote to the chairmanship. Secretary Baker and State Senator William E Crow of Uniontown are mentioned to succeed him.

Senator Penrose contemplates making a tour of Pennsylvania next fall to personally meet party workers and voters. He did not indicate any date for the start of his trip.

W. V. ALBAUGH KILLED BY PENNSYLVANIA FLYER

Veteran Freight Conductor Who Is Brother of Mrs David Lunnen of the West Side

W V Albaugh of Derry a well known P R. R. freight conductor and a brother of Mrs David Lunnen of the West Side, was instantly killed Friday night by P R R Train No 10. Mr Albaugh was out on his regular run when he met his death. Mrs Lunnen received word of her brother's death this morning and the message only stated that he was killed last night by train No 10 at Gallitzin. She left for Derry this morning.

Mr Albaugh had resided at Derry nearly all his life and was about 52 years old. He had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad for the past 27 years. His widow, five children and the following brothers and sisters survive: Peter Albaugh of Brockton Mass, E R Albaugh, Mrs Harry Irvin of Derry and Mrs. David Lunnen of the West Side.

SHOPPERS OUT

In Large Numbers to Do Their Christmas Buying

Christmas shoppers are out in large numbers and the spirit of Christmas is everywhere. The Christmas shoppers commenced to make their appearance as early as several weeks ago and from all indications the early Christmas shopping movement has been carried out by many. Beginning with last Monday evening the stores will be opened until after the holidays and from now on the merchants expect to do a nice business. Many shoppers are out in the mornings and as the result they receive better attention and are more successful in making their purchases. The stores are all stocked for the holiday trade and practically all the merchants are getting their share of the business.

Each day the trains and street cars bring in large crowds from the surrounding towns and all of whom are in pursuit of Christmas goods. The stores are all attractively decorated for the holidays and the many dainty and useful Christmas novelties are conspicuously displayed. In order to accommodate the Christmas buyers extra help has been hired by a many of the merchants and despite the crowds that throng the stores an effort is made to see that each person is promptly waited on.

A VETERAN ENGINEER

Mike Darr Pays a Brief Visit to Connellsville

Mike Darr, one of the real veteran passenger engineers on the Pittsburg and Connellsville divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was in Connellsville from his home in Hazelwood Thursday accompanied by Mrs Darr. They came up to attend the funeral of the late Wildy Stillwagon, an old friend and relative of Mrs. Darr.

As is always his custom Mr Darr dropped in at The Courier office to pay a brief visit with Foreman C B McCormick of The Courier who was a fireman on the road with Engineer Darr in the early days of the Pittsburg division. Mike has had runs on all the fast trains over the division both by day and night. At present he is hauling No 10 east and No 15 west.

GREGG WIELDS GAVEL

Greensburg Congressman Has First Experience in Running House

WASHINGTON Dec 16—(Special) Representative Curtiss H Gregg of Greensburg had his first experience in running the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon. He was called to the chair by Speaker Clark after a recess the House took to permit the appropriations committee to perfect and report the urgency deficiency bill.

Mr Gregg wielded the gavel while the deficiency bill was laid before the House and explained by Chairman of Appropriations Fitzgerald. The Greensburg Representative and Speaker Clark are friends and Miss Genevieve Clark the Speaker's daughter will be the house guest of the Greggs in Greensburg, during the holidays.

SAPOLSKY MUST QUIT THE JUNK BUSINESS

Connellsville Man Given Severe Sentence in Court Today.

$250 FINE AND THE WORKHOUSE

He Can Escape Doing Time by Going Out of Business in this County After Paying Fine—Other Sentences Were Imposed Today

Louis Sapolsky the Connellsville junk dealer was given a severe sentence by Judge Umbel at a session of sentence court at Uniontown Saturday morning. He was convicted of stealing iron from the Dunbar Furnace Company. The sentence imposed was a fine of $250 and a year in the workhouse. The court stated that if Sapolsky will pay the fine and sign an agreement to close out his business within 10 days and never reenter it in this county the workhouse sentence would be suspended.

Vincenzo Innopel who pleaded nolle contendere to enticing a girl under 16 years of age for the purpose of marriage was let off with the costs but the case is held open against him.

Moses Bradshaw a negro was sent to jail 60 days for larceny. Howard Smith was given eight months to the workhouse for pointing firearms and taxed the costs for surety of the peace and malicious mischief.

Samuel Marshall convicted of desertion and non support was directed to pay his wife $2 a week or spend six months in jail.

John Mehling was fined $75 with the alternative of 3 months in the workhouse for carrying concealed weapons. John and Albert Cotti were arraigned for illegal liquor selling. Albert the son was fined $500 and sent to jail for six months. The father was let off with the costs.

Andy Woltus and Michael Rourke brewery agents were let off with the costs the brewery having agreed not to attempt to do business in this county.

Clyde Reynolds aged 14 of Connellsville charged with receiving stolen goods was paroled into the custody of the Probation officer and directed to deposit $1 a week. If he fails he goes to Huntingdon.

A divorce was granted Mary Volpi from Ralph Volpi on the grounds of cruel treatment. The wife was 15 years old when married in Cumberland in 1906.

Andy Marcinak who broke a barroom window was given 30 days in jail. Frank Willish was sent to jail 30 days for absconding from an unpaid board bill. Turner Green a Connellsville negro was sent to jail 60 days for county. Both men represented the Smithton brewery.

A. Nickel and Thomas Smith were sentenced for larceny from the person. Nickel was given three years to the penitentiary on two charges and Smith two years on one count.

Jesse Hager was directed to pay Mollie Sumey $100 and pay $1.50 per week until his child is five years of age on a paternity charge.

Ewing Cooley was sentenced for costs for assault and battery and pointing firearms at his wife Maggie.

Graindo Valgrase was sent to the workhouse a year for aggravated assault and battery. Edward Wensl goes to jail six months for sending threatening letters through the mail. Mile Urban charged with keeping a vicious dog was assessed the costs and directed to kill the dog.

ACHESON ACCUSED

Of Conspiracy on a Charge Brought by Edward Callaghan

WASHINGTON Pa Dec 1—(Special) A sensation was caused here Thursday when former Congressman Ernest F Acheson, State Senator J Carter Judson and Keystone County Chairman E H B Brownlee were arrested on a warrant charging conspiracy to deprive Edward Callaghan of Charleroi of the Democratic nomination for sheriff at the primaries held last September. The information was made before Justice of the Peace Scott of North Charleroi and when Constable D I Mathers appeared in town on Thursday with the warrant the three accused men went before Justice of the Peace John I Carson where each furnished $300 bail for court.

The prosecutor Edward Callaghan served one term in the State Legislature when he was a resident of Westmoreland county and since coming to Washington county has been active in politics. In 1910 he was Democratic candidate for sheriff. This year he was defeated for the nomination.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

Connellsville Mentioned as Possibility in Circuit to be Formed

Already plans are being considered for forming a new baseball league to succeed the Ohio & Pennsylvania circuit which will merge with the Central.

Connellsville and Uniontown are mentioned in a dispatch from Alliance which says steps are being made looking towards the organization of an eight club circuit selected from the towns of Alliance, Massillon, Salem and East Liverpool in Ohio and Beaver Falls, New Castle, Sharon, McKeesport, Washington, Meadville, Oil City, Franklin, Butler, Connellsville, Uniontown and Charleroi in Pennsylvania.

Hospital Trustees Meet

The Trustees of the Cottage State hospital held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday. Routine business was transacted. Those present were President J M Reid, Dr T H White, Secretary James McSpadden of Rockwood, Dr George W Neff of Masontown, Dr J B Ewing of Uniontown and J C Beerbower, the new member of the board.

John H Karns Dies

John H Karns aged 16 years a farmer residing near Hyndman died Tuesday night at the Western Maryland hospital Cumberland where he had been confined for several weeks. Mr Karns was six feet eleven inches and weighed 250 pounds.

LONG JOURNEY

Of Samuel Strickler Only to Find His Mother Dead

After spending many restless days and nights aboard the train which was carrying him on a long journey, being made in hopes of reaching the bedside of his living mother, Samuel M Strickler a resident of Colfax Wash last week arrived at his destination just in time only to catch a last glimpse of his mother before she was laid in her grave.

Mrs Strickler was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago and her condition was so critical that a telegram was sent to her son in the far west. Overcome with grief the son made preparations at once to leave for his former home in Fayette county. Good time was made to Pittsburg and from that city until his arrival it seemed as if he would never come to an end. From Connellsville he went by trolley to Vanderbilt and it was here that he learned of the death of his mother.

The funeral services were held at the home of Mrs Clare Brown at Flatwoods. The cortege and the funeral party was on its way to the old Quaker cemetery at Perryopolis. A messenger overtook the procession and the arrival of the dead woman's son was made known. Services at the grave were held until the arrival of the son. The grief stricken relatives silently awaited his arrival. In order to hurry his journey to the cemetery horses were changed en route and almost exhausted he was led to the casket bearing the remains of his dead mother at the side of her grave.

SCHOOL BOARD WANTS INTEREST ON MONEY

Sinking Fund Committee Directed to Find if Returns are Possible.

OFFICERS FILE THEIR BONDS

Formalities Completed Last Evening Which Will Enable Teachers to Get Christmas Money—Library Committee Named

The School Board wants interest on a portion of its funds. At the special meeting on Thursday the board directed the Sinking Fund Committee to investigate and report at the next meeting. It will be the first time funds were put out at interest. The money which is idle most of the time and is reported at present. The suggestion was made by Director J R Davis and met with favor.

All the officers were present except Prestident ... This gave the trustees their first opportunity to fill and they did it with dispatch.

Dr A A Bishop brought up the ... Trustees ... business of the Board. Vice President ... Director Bishop ... and Smith on ... the ... needs to be ... the ...

The bond of ... will enable the ... was ... secured by L R ... The ... Fund was for ... Dr M B ... Joseph Scisson ... Scisson Dr H C Hoffman and H M Kephart.

Orders were ordered to pay the retiring treasurer's salary of $75 and the retiring solicitor's of $50.

The matter of permitting West Side school boys to use a room in the school building for athletic purposes was left to Principal J R Yoder.

FALLING ROCK KILLS TWO MEN IN SAND PATCH TUNNEL

Negro Laborers Crushed to Death and Third Man Injured in Accident on Friday Afternoon

The bodies of two unfortunate men Samuel Collins and A Allen both colored who lost their lives in the new tunnel being constructed by the B & O railroad at Sand Patch were brought on Friday to the morgue of R Reker & Son at Meyersdale and prepared for burial. Three men were caught under a large rock which fell from the roof. Two were killed instantly and it is believed that one though seriously injured will recover.

The two men killed both colored were Sam Collins aged 37 of Birmingham Ala and A Allen aged 43 of Raleigh N C. The former was buried in the Union Cemetery today but no arrangements have yet been made for the funeral of the latter.

FOUR PRIZE HOGS

Butchered by George P Hoover of Redstone Township

George P Hoover of Fairbanks Redstone township claims the record for big hogs. He butchered four pork ers 18 and 19 months old which cleaned respectively 492½, 512, 532 and 560 pounds, a total of 2,096½. For the four from these hogs he got 100 gallons of lard and 270 pounds of sausage meat. The two hams from one of his hogs weighed 105 pounds.

The hogs were weighed after they were scalded and cleaned and then weighed after they were hung up and dressed and they lost respectively 37½, 33, 30 and 1 pounds, a total of 151½ pounds. These hogs were of the White Chester and Poland stock.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES

I B Brown Will Head Confluence Directors as President

CONFLUENCE Dec 14—(Special)—The Confluence School Board met in the Bank building on Monday evening and organized with the following officers: President I B Brown; Vice President E B Black; Secretary A S Bowlin; Treasurer Hiram Frantz. E B Black, David Cronin and Hiram Fritz were appointed a committee to look after the condition of the school buildings and betterment of the schools.

A DOLLAR A DAY FOR OLD SOLDIERS

Sherwood Bill of Vital Interest to Many Fayette County Veterans.

NOW RESTS WITH THE SENATE

Provisions of the Bill as It Passed the House a Few Days Ago—Private Soldiers Have Same Benefits as Commissioned Officers

The old soldiers of Fayette county will be particularly interested in the prospects of the Sherwood pension bill which has passed the House and now goes to the United States Senate. Gen Sherwood's bill provides that all persons who served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Civil War and were honorably discharged shall be entitled to pensions as follows: For a service of 90 days and less than six months $15 a month; for six months and less than nine months $20; for nine months and less than a year $25 and for a service of one year or more $30. All soldiers wounded in battle or in the line of duty and now unfit for manual labor through causes not due to their own vicious habits or who from disease or other causes incurred in the line of duty are unable to perform manual labor are given $30 a month regardless of the length of service.

No one will be entitled to any pension who is in receipt of an annual net income of $1,000 or more exclusive of any pension he may receive, and no one who receives a pension of $50 or more under the proposed law shall enter any national soldiers home nor shall the United States grant any aid to any such state home on account of any such person. Rank in the service is not to be considered in applications filed under the law.

The average rate of pension under this bill to the 529,984 soldiers of the Civil War who were on the rolls on July 1—they are dying at the rate of about 3,000 a month—would be $25.50 a month or $306 a year. The present average pension is $191.41 so that the average increase would be $1.89 a year. While the pension bureau owing to the provisions excluding soldiers with a net income of over $1,000 from the benefits of the bill would not make an estimate of the probable increase in annual pension appropriations the committee estimates the increase at a little over $34,000,000. The disability clause allowing the maximum pension of $30 a month in certain cases would add about $6,000,000 more.

Estimating the number of those debarred from pensions because of an income of $1,000 however at 22 per cent of the total the aggregate annual increase is placed at $25,558,000 of which only $18,18,000 would be needed the first year after the bill takes effect. The saving in national and State soldiers homes by reason of the bill by the abolition of medical examining boards special pension examiners in a large part of the force of the pension bureau is estimated at about $4,000,000 annually.

SENTENCES IMPOSED

On Jail Convicts by Judge Van Swearingen on Thursday

Frank Marchok convicted at December criminal court of having assaulted with intent to ravish a little eight year old girl was sentenced by Judge Van Swearingen Thursday to not less than 1 months nor more than five years in the penitentiary.

George Moreland charged with desertion was assessed the costs.

John Kyle charged with having taken a pair of trousers was taxed the costs of prosecution.

Salvatore Scamerelli convicted of assault and battery with intent to ravish and of carrying concealed weapons was sentenced to serve not less than 1 months nor more than five years in the Western penitentiary on the first charge and on the second he was directed to pay the costs, a fine of $5 and to serve nine months in the penitentiary, the term to begin at the expiration of the previous sentence. On condition that the fine is paid it was ordered that the imprisonment sentence be remitted in the second case.

REMEDY ANNOYANCE

West Penn Changing Doors Leading to Smoker in 600 Cars

The West Penn is making a change in the arrangement of the 600 type of passenger cars that will give general satisfaction to the general public. The door separating the main part of the car from the smoking compartment has been the cause of annoyance because this door swung both ways as originally planned.

The doors are now being changed so that they swing but in one direction and are equipped with automatic closing devices. This will protect the passengers of the main part of the car from the volumes of stale tobacco smoke that have heretofore swept over them every time a gust of wind or the motion of the car caused the door to swing ajar.

WILL CHEER THE SICK

The Inasmuch Circle Members Will Go to the Hospitals

The Inasmuch Circle will assist in aiding the poor and needy on Christmas day. Toys and candies will be taken to the Cottage State hospital for the children and flowers will be sent to the older patients. Flowers and small gifts will also be sent to many of the aged and sick persons of the town.

The gifts will be distributed on Saturday morning December 23. The Inasmuch Circle was organized only a few months ago and in that short time much good has been accomplished.

The Woolsey Will

The will of Harry C Woolsey was left for probate on Friday at Uniontown. He leaves everything to his wife Lizzie D Woolsey and his nephew Harry Woolsey Gray. The wife is to be sole executrix. The will was made January 7, 1910, B. I Sterling and W T Spalter being the witnesses. He was worth about $100,000.

Postal Savings at Hyndman.

A postal savings bank has been established at Hyndman.

TWO WILLS FILED

Estate of Solomon Phillips Is Left to His Relatives

Two wills were filed Thursday. One was that of Ellen McCalliste of Perryopolis. One dollar each is to be paid to her two sons Benjamin and Joseph and the remainder of the estate is to go to another son David. Orville Hixenbaugh is named as executor. The will is dated November 14, 1911.

The will of Solomon Phillips of North Union township was the other paper filed. The executors William Phillips Jr and Lillie F Phillips are directed to sell the property both personal and real. The real estate comprises tracts in Greene and Washington counties and Marion, Missouri and Ohio counties W Va. Solomon Dean is willed $1,000. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church in the United States is given $1,000. A tract of land in Greene county is directed to be divided between the children of John Bute and the Tuskegee School for Colored Children at Tuskegee, Alabama.

The remainder of the estate is divided between 11 nephews and nieces of the testator. The will was dated October 2, 1910.

The following are the beneficiaries: Phoebe J Phillips, Emma Phillips, Ruth Phillips, Charles Phillips, Rufus Phillips, William Phillips J..., Mrs Lizzie Junk, Mrs Annie Work, Lillis P Phillips, Mrs Jennie Cook, Howard Hills, Henry Hills, James Phillips, Arthur Phillips. In case any of these heirs are not living at the testator's death their brothers and sisters are to inherit their share.

By the provision of the will of C ville K Frey was probated at Morgantown W Va yesterday the bulk of the Frey estate real and personal property is left to his wife Mrs Jennie Frey. J V Thompson is named as executor of the estate.

SOON HAVE ANOTHER STEAM SHOVEL ON GREENWOOD JOB

Hill Company Has About Finished Grading of Porter Hill and Is Making Rapid Time

The steam shovel of the Hill Construction Company which has been working on Porter Hill since construction of the new railroad was started has about finished this contract and within the next two or three days will be moved over to Greenwood.

With two shovels working along the hill just south of Greenwood engineers say it will take but a short time to complete the grading there. Resident Engineer J H Charlton said this morning that the Hill Company is making excellent progress and the finish of this contract is in sight.

The rail laying continues along Division Engineer J I Palmer's district. Rails have been laid across one of the bridges at Ohiopyle.

A NEW OFFICE

Assistant to General Manager Created on Baltimore & Ohio

General Manager A W Thompson of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad announces the appointment of C C Riley to the office of Assistant to General Manager with headquarters at Baltimore. The appointment is effective at once.

As Assistant to General Manager Mr Riley will have supervision over matters of transportation efficiency particularly with reference to the utilization of equipment, its distribution and proper loading and movement over the road and through terminals.

Hotel Men Elect

LANCASTER Pa Dec 15—In annual convention the Pennsylvania State Men's Association yesterday re elected these officers: President Louis Lukes, Philadelphia; first vice president W H Coles, Charleroi; second vice president Mahlon W Newton, Philadelphia; third vice president J W Henr, Shamokin; fourth vice president E E Shaffer, Punxsutawney; fifth vice president George H Vincent, Easton; secretary and treasurer, Thomas C Leslie, Philadelphia.

Penitentiary Site Chosen

The new site for the Western Penitentiary was officially chosen today by Warden John Francies and the board of prison inspectors. The selection of the site is subject to the approval of Gov John K Tener. It is in Centre county a few miles from Bellefonte. It contains 4,878 acres of fertile agricultural land. ... are being part of the state forestry reservation the rest ... acres being held under option from a number of private land owners. The cost of the private land will be $100,000.

C W Brooks Sells House

C W Brooks has disposed of his eight room frame house on South Eighth street, Greenwood to Layton Forsythe of Dawson. Mr Forsythe has been in the employ of the Prudential Insurance Company for 10 years and expects to occupy his new home after January 1. The consideration was $4,000.

Somerset Court Records.

SOMERSET Dec 15—The will of Katherine Knecht late of West Salisbury was probated yesterday. After directing that ten masses be said for her by the West Salisbury pastor and the same number by the Redemptorist Fathers at Baltimore Md she makes the following bequests: Michael Knecht $10, Adam Knecht $10, O Tillian Meyers $10, Elizabeth Braller's children $10, nieces and nephews (not named) $100 each, grand nieces and grand nephews (not named) equal shares of $100. The residue of the estate is to be equally apportioned between testatrix's brothers and sisters—Michael Knecht, Adam Knecht, O Tillian Meyers and Elizabeth Braller's children. Her nephew John Knecht is named as executor. The will is dated May 6, 1911 and witnessed by George C Quinn and Robert Brendler.

Henry Bungard late of Summit township left a life interest in his estate to his widow Lydia Bungard at whose death the same shall be equally divided among George Bungard, John Bungard, Annie Spencer, Carrie Sipley, William Bungard, Mary Bungard, Joseph Bungard and Martha Bungard. George Bungard is appointed executor. The will is dated January 20, 1901 and witnessed by J J Divecey and W H Hay.

Clerk of the Orphans Court Bert F Landis has recently issued marriage licenses to the following parties: Lloyd H Bittner and Maude H Shumaker both of Black township; Leopold Nashwinter of Meyersdale and Emma Cramer of Patton Pa; Charles Johnson and Ada Branch both of Meyersdale; Reuben Kuhl and Elizabeth A. Enos both of Rockwood; Irving G Trent of Shanksville and Nettie O Blough of Hooversville.

The following deals in Somerset county real estate have been consummated during the past week:

John R Weyand to Ira W Shaulis, Lincoln township $1,000; George W Weyland to Noble Weyland, Jefferson township $500; George E Ferner's trustees to William G Calire et al, Somerset township $4,500; John A. Gower to Daisy Gower, Lower Turkeyfoot township $300; A L G Hay, trustee to W H Hay, Meyersdale, $300; Meyersdale Printing Company to same, Meyersdale $300; Martin Warner to Aden F Hamill, Meyersdale $825; Milton C Horner to William L Bittner, Milford township, $4,700; Arthur A. Maust to David K Malcolm, Elk Lick township $25; William Robertson to same, Elk Lick township $1,000; Mary M Ash to Walter F Ainsworth, Jenner township $11,000; Sarah J Sine to Naomi C Irwin, Shade township $10; Warren Richards to R B Phillippi, Berlin $175; Iris L Saylor to Joseph G Miller, Jefferson township $1,500; William C Miller to Maurice Slaver, Milford township $90; Zenas Holladay to Marshall Holladay, Addison township $3,000; Gus Gustafson to Gordon I Harling, Windber $800; J C Reed to S D Livengood's assignee, Meyersdale $100; Rachel Wilt to H C Shaw's administrator, Salisbury $650; Andrew Zemany, per Sheriff to Windber Trust Company, Windber $1,070; O L Krueger to J. Adolph Schmitz, Addison township $111; Frank L Black et al, to S B Philson, Brothersvalley township $500; Pearson Lane to Mary Whisker, Shade township $10; Mary Whisker to Pearson Lane, Shade township $131; Elizabeth Harris to Joseph Parry, Conemaugh township $1,500; John C Miller to J Wesley Miller, Lincoln township $4,600; Ernest O Kooser to William C Miller, North Somerset $75; William C Miller to John P Statler, North Somerset $100; Samuel A Dietz to United Evangelical church trustees, Somerset township $30; W. H Holzshu to John M Weimer, Meyersdale $275; Mary Troutman to Ross M Sarver, Fairhope township $375.

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DANIEL WILLARD AGAIN RE-ELECTED

President of B. & O. Railroad at Recent Meeting.

THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE TERM

Of Executive Who Has Risen From Lowest Ranks of the Railroad World—Served His Time as Engineer and Conductor.

At the recent meeting of the board of directors of the B. & O. railroad in New York, Daniel Willard was elected as president of the road for the third successive term. President Willard came to Baltimore in January, 1910.

President Willard's intimate acquaintance with railroad conditions of the country has won for him a high place as an exponent of railways. He is broad-minded in his views on the relations between the public and the carriers and his well-defined convictions on the subject have resulted in his frequent selection to present the railway side of public questions. Soon after becoming president of the B. & O. Mr. Willard demonstrated his grasp of railroad affairs when appearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the question of an advance of freight rates. Those who heard his testimony declare it to have been the most forceful presented at the hearing. Mr. Willard has since addressed other gatherings of prominent men, outlining in a lucid manner what has come to be termed "the railroad question" His address last winter, at the annual gathering of the Railway Business Association, in New York, was well received, and his latest public utterance at the banquet to the visiting governors from the South and West last Friday, has attracted wide attention in business and financial circles.

President Willard is a man of broad experience and he possesses a knowledge of every phase of railroad matters. He was born at New Hartland, Vt., January 28, 1861, the son of Daniel Spaulding and Mary Ann Willard, his parentage being of English ancestry on both the paternal and maternal sides. After attending the district schools of his home town and being graduated from the Windsor, (Vt.) High School. Mr. Willard entered railroad service in 1879 in the track department of the Central Vermont railroad. He later entered train service and became a locomotive engineer on the Connecticut & Passumpsic railroad. After running an engine on this road for four years, Mr. Willard went to the Lake Shore railroad in a similar position. He later became a conductor of the St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie railway (Soo Line).

His first official position was as trainmaster of the Soo Line, after which he was promoted to the position of division superintendent of the same road. In 1899 he was chosen assistant president of the Erie railroad. Mr. Willard's next promotion was when he was chosen first Vice President of the Erie, as well as its General Manager, which office he resigned January 1, 1904, to become Second Vice President in charge of operation of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad He remained with the Burlington until chosen President o the Baltimore & Ohio system, January 15, 1910.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Are to be Cut Out by East Huntingdon Directors.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 18.—A meeting of the East Huntingdon township School Board has been called for this evening at Alverton, and the meeting has been much discussed since its alleged object came out among the patrons of the schools on Saturday. At that time it was said that President William Stoner of the board said the main object of the session was to do away with the music teacher and the writing teacher in the schools.

Likewise it was said that President Stoner desires to remove the joint teachers' institute from Scottdale to Alverton or Mt. Pleasant. These institutes which have been held in conjunction with the Upper Tyrone township and the Mt. Pleasant township ones in Scottdale during the past year have been very successful. They have crowded the Peterson Business College hall to its capacity and brought forth much interest in the meetings, which have been well attended by the teachers and patrons

The teachers usually come to Scottdale in the afternoon and do their Saturday shopping in town. The conveniences of the trolley and the attractiveness of coming to town and having a well lighted, comfortable place to hold their institutes is superior to going to Alverton. The propositions of President Stoner have not met with favor among the patrons, and the people who talked on these matters were very outspoken on Saturday. They consider that the taking away of the music teacher and writing teacher would be a backward step in the township, while the removal of the institute to Alverton is far from meeting with approval. The other members of the board are Byron R. Kelly, C. L. Bair, D. R. DePriest, John Leighty, Ed. L. Rose and W. P. Houser. It is said they are divided on this subject.

October Steel Exports.

It was announced Thursday by officials of the United States Steel Corporation that the total exports for October of this year aggregated $20,800,000, as against $17,452,000 in the corresponding month last year. For the 10 months ending October 21, totaled reports amounted to $205,918,000, as against $164,376,000 in the same period in 1910 and $128,170,000 in 1909.

Big Coal Shipment.

More than 2,000,000 bushels of coal left Pittsburg Thursday on the rise, which is coming out of the Allegheny river.

BOOM IN STEEL

Industry Coming Year Is Predicted by H. C. Frick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special)—H. C. Frick, in conversation with a friend yesterday declared recent improvements in business would increase until the steel trade was back again to its position of 1909, when the greatest amount of material ever produced in the country's history was turned out.

Besides the views of Mr. Frick, other highly optimistic predictions for the steel industry were heard in banking and financial quarters today. The President of one of the largest banks in Pittsburg was quoted to the effect that his institution had begun placing itself in a position to take advantage in 1912 of the biggest year in steel trade history. Furthermore, evidence was not lacking that steel trade operations had increased greatly since early in the autumn, so that such beliefs as these had at least a seemingly sound basis.

Since the opening of the present week the New York financial district has been treated to more optimistic reports on the trade outlook of the United States than in any other three day period in the last three years. Nearly all of them have hinged on the iron and steel situation, which is brighter now than at any time earlier in the year. Previous trade booms have been preceded by general buying of steel and iron, and all present indications, according to the glowing Wall Street reports, now point to a burst of activity in the steel trade which soon will find reflection everywhere else.

The United States Steel Corporation this week has booked new orders at a rate of 50,000 tons a day as contrasted with an average of 30,000 not long ago. Unfilled orders now on its books are the largest in 13 months, and are increasing at the rate of 15,000 tons a day.

OLD TIP TOP MINE HAS ITS LAST RUN

All of the Coal is Mined From That Famous Drift Pit.

MADE HIGH GRADE COKE

And Was One of the First Plants to Be Operated in the Morgan Valley Which Will Soon Be Free of Coke Smoke.

The Tip Top mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, near Owensdale, closed its doors forever Saturday as a coking coal producer. This is another of the grand old coke plants that at one time made the Morgan Valley famous. Her coal beds were worked to the utmost extremities and in a systematic manner which enabled the officials who had the mine in charge to get the greater percentage of all available coal.

This mine was connected with the Valley and White mines and practically undermined the greater part of the surface between these two plants. In the mining of this coal considerable difficulty was encountered with the drainage as the situation of the vein made this mine's drainage a difficult proposition to handle. On several occasions operations had to be suspended at this plant on account of the mine being flooded and each time the capable officials in charge quickly succeeded in draining the pit.

Owing to the situation of the vein creeps and squeezes and displacements were frequently encountered and the matter of timbering was somewhat more difficult than it was at many times, but all these difficulties were successfully met with. During the career of this plant the fatality list was very low in comparison to other mines its size throughout the region.

Tip Top has been in operation for almost forty years. It was built by a man named Armstrong, a veteran coke operator, the late Christian Snyder, doing the contract work. The original plant consisted of about 100 ovens. Later when it came under the control of the Frick interests additional ovens were built. For over a year past only forty ovens have been in operation, the capacity of the mine's output, these being reduced as the plant neared its end.

To James Waidlow, a veteran mine foreman, fell the lot of cleaning up the stumps and ribs of the mine and a few patches of solid coal, and although he was somewhat handicapped owing to the general condition of the pit as to drainage, ventilation, etc., he did the work well. Now all that is left is a little crop coal which undoubtedly will be mined as custom coal.

With this plant on the "dead list" are the Summit, Eagle, Foundry and Novelty plants and within the space of a few years they will be joined by the valley's remaining plants.

GREAT CAR ORDER

Is About to Be Placed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Inquiries covering a total of 60,000 freight cars, all embraced in a single order by one railroad, have startled the steel car builders the past week. If it comes to a focus, it is said that this order will surpass any single contract for cars ever placed in the history of railroading.

The order is expected from the Pennsylvania railroad and its systems. Approximately this order means that the Pennsylvania railroad will expend between $55,000,000 and $60,000,000 for car equipment in this instance.

Banning Miner Killed.

Frank Kolbick, aged 50 years, was caught by a fall of slate Thursday in the mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Banning No. 2. The accident occurred yesterday about 11.45 o'clock and the body was not recovered from beneath the fall until yesterday afternoon. Kolbick is survived by four children. His wife died some time ago Coroner H. J. Bell was notified of the accident.

Killed by Fall of Slate.

Andy Scoville, aged 35, an Austrian was killed by a fall of slate at Jamison No. 1, Thursday.

MT. PLEASANT LOSES WEST PENN EMPLOYES

Crews Tranferred to Connellsville and Greensburg on Thursday.

TWENTY-SIX MEN ARE AFFECTED

The Change Results in Greatly Improved Service For Coke Region Patrons of the Trolley System. Later Car to Greensburg Now.

Thirteen crews of the West Penn that have been stationed at Iron Bridge were moved Thursday to Connellsville and Greensburg. The move came as a surprise, as no previous notice had been given as to the intentions of the company. Mt Pleasant is excited today as a consequence, most of the men having made their homes there. Twenty-six men are affected by the change. Fourteen of them are brought to Connellsville and will run out of here while the remaining 12 will be quartered at Greensburg.

The new schedule, which went into effect Friday gives greatly improved service through this section. Uniontown patrons can now leave an hour later at night for Greensburg, and the same applies to Connellsville. The car which leaves Uniontown at 10.30 and Connellsville at 11.30 will run through to Greensburg, by way of Mt. Pleasant, arriving at Scottdale at 12 o'clock, Mt. Pleasant at 12.15 and Greensburg at 1 A. M. Returning, the 11.30 car out of Greensburg will reach Scottdale at 12.30 and arrive here at 1 A. M.

Both Greensburg and Connellsville get earlier service. A car will leave here, going north, at 4.30 A. M. by way of Mt. Pleasant. The first car out of Greensburg will be at 5 o'clock on the Hunker side, a great convenience to Pennsylvania railroad employes bound for Youngwood, while the 5.30 car on the Hecla side is continued. Heretofore there has been no 5 o'clock car out of Greensburg.

Mt. Pleasant is benefitted by the later service in both directions, towards Greensburg and Connellsville The only change which deprives Mt. Pleasant of service is the car which formerly left Mt. Pleasant Junction at 6.15 for Tarr. This was the trip of the cross-town line on the Tarr-Morewood branch. This car now starts out of Greensburg and the 6.15 trip is not to run. It is said that practically no patrons will be inconvenienced by this slight shift.

It was about two years ago that the matter was first broached regarding the abandonment of the Iron Bridge barns as crew terminals At that time Mt. Pleasant took aggressive measures to prevent the change. After frequent conferences with Operating Manager W. E. Moore and J. W. Brown, then Superintendent of Transportation the plan was dropped for the present Nothing more was heard of it until last night when the crews took their cars to the Connellsville and Greensburg barns, making the first run under the new schedule this morning.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN FOUND AT HIS HOME EATING SUPPER

Peculiar Experience of Everson Laborer As Result of Accident Yesterday at the Pipe Mill.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 16.—Having come to the undertaker's and arranged for the funeral of his brother, an Everson man had the odd experience of going home and finding the brother he expected to bury calmly eating his supper. For a moment the home comer was astonished. The confusion occurred from the death of a laborer at the pipe mill yesterday afternoon from a heavy iron flask falling upon him and crushing him so that he died shortly afterward.

The man has been identified as John Brolock, aged 30 His boarding place has not been found as yet. He worked on check 568, and all the property he had on him was a pipe and a bunch of five keys, two flat keys and the others old fashioned round ones. It was reported that he had a brother working in the rolling mill and the brother came in and made the funeral arrangements, without making a complete identification. The body is now lying at Undertaker William Ferguson's morgue.

MINER ROASTED

To Death in a Sand Oven at the Mammoth Plant.

After crawling into an oven used to dry sand at the Mammoth plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Daniel Crowley, a miner, aged about 45 years and single, was roasted to death Friday night.

The man's body was found in the morning by John Kearns, yard boss at the Mammoth works. Kearns chanced to look into the oven and saw the form lying on the sand. The body was quickly pulled out, but the intense heat of the oven had taken all life.

Frick company employes at the Mammoth plant had Crowley's body taken to Risheberger's morgue, at Youngwood.

Miners Killed on Railroad.

Identical injuries resulted in the death of two men, supposed to be miners, who were run down by a passenger train at Allenport on the P. V. & C. on Wednesday at 6 o'clock. Although their clothing was searched nothing to show their identity was discovered and so far no one has recognized the men.

Will Dispatch Sunday Mail.

Postmaster Greene of Uniontown on Saturday received a telegram from E. M. Norris of New York City, superintendent of railway mail service, ordering him to dispatch the mails on Sunday evening the same as through the week. Collections are also to be made at the boxes at the time specified on the box.

OUTLOOK IN 1912

Among the Several Large and Small Industries in Scottdale.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 14.—The industrial outlook in and around Scottdale is promising for the year of 1912 according to the census of opinion among those who are in a position to know. Although some of the plants are not at present making full time it is expected that they will begin running full about the first of the year. The Old Meadow plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company will resume operations in full next week, probably commencing with the midnight turn or early Monday morning. During the short shutdown now closing, extensive repairs and improvements were made to the mills. The Scottdale mills will also run full force. The employes of the sheet mills will be paid on December 16 and 23 instead of December 16 and 30, thus providing the mill workers with Christmas money. The pay on Saturday will be a three weeks' one.

The repairs to the Scottdale furnace are being rushed to completion, and the cupola will soon be in shape. It is said that the furnace will go on in full as soon as the repairs are made.

The Frick car shops are not working full force, but the improving outlook of firing of ovens, upon which the car shops depend, indicates at least nearly full time and full force by the first of the year.

The U. S. Casket Company is putting in seven days a week, with overtime. Besides a large warehouse in Pittsburg, the company employes six traveling salesmen for the trade in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. The Scottdale Foundry & Machine Company is reported on full time, with some large orders and expects to open the year with the plant going in full. The U. S Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry are working full time in plant "A. The resumption of plant "B" is somewhat problematical, but there are hopes for a brightening of the pipe industry.

Freight traffic over the P. R. R. and B. & O. railroads is more brisk than in a long time, coke traffic being reported heavier than for months. The smaller plants about Scottdale are working full time, and expectations for the first of the year are hopeful.

FIRE BOSS MEANS TOOK A TUMBLE; HIS JAW BROKEN

Intended Going to Work at Moyer and Was on Way From Conference With Mine Foreman.

Calvin Means, a fire boss of Vanderbilt, was badly injured last Friday night when he fell over an embankment above the public road near Moyer. He sustained a broken jaw and other injuries.

Means had come to Moyer intending to start work as a fire boss on Saturday morning. He went to the home of Mine Foreman T. W. Davidson to talk matter over with him.

On returning, in the darkness, Means stumbled over the hill and fell a considerable distance. He was taken to his home.

HEAVY DAMAGES

Will Be Asked From Pennsylvania Railroad For Manor Wreck.

Claims totalling far into the thousands will be made on the Adams Express Company for the death of J. H. Uhlman, the wealthy North Dakota rancher, and for the destruction of his 12 costly horses, in the Pennsylvania railroad wreck at Manor last week

Lieutenant Governor U. L. Burdick, of North Dakota, and Frank Banks, a ranchman of that State, will be in Greensburg for several days investigating the claims of Uhlman's heirs. From receipts found on Uhlman's clothing, 10 brood mares evidently cost him $4,000 and the carload is thought to have represented an investment of $75,000 or more.

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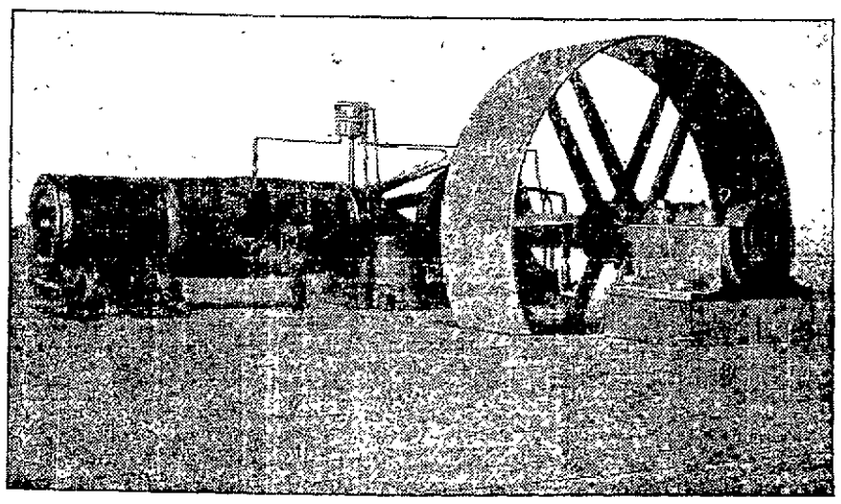

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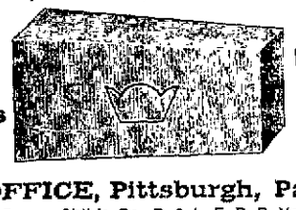
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